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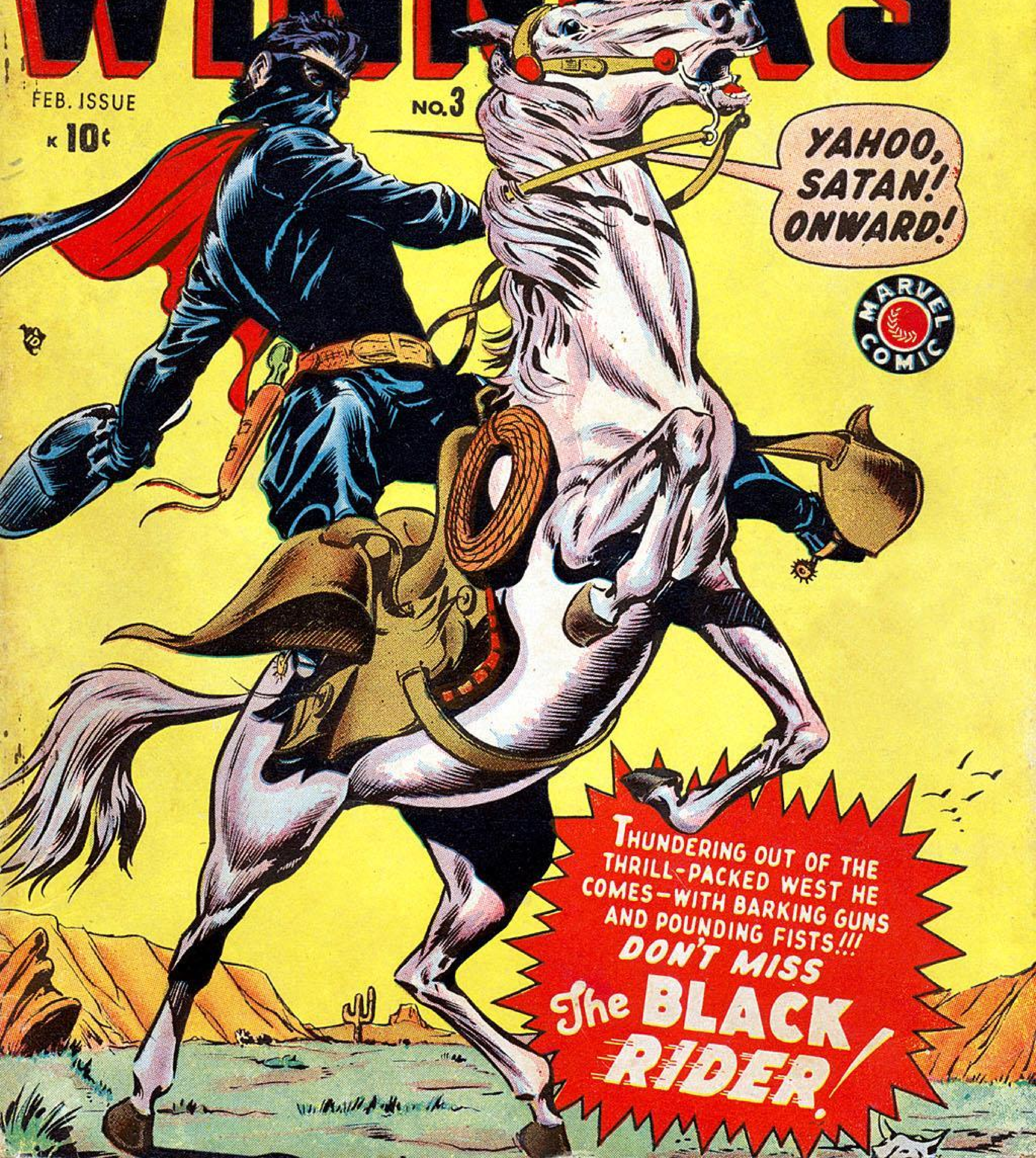
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WELL, JIM, ALMOST TIME TO GRADUATE
YEP, AND MY CAPT. MARVEL HAS SEEN ME THROUGH EIGHT LONG YEARS
GOLLY! I BROKE MY WRIST WATCH SLIDING IN TO THIRD
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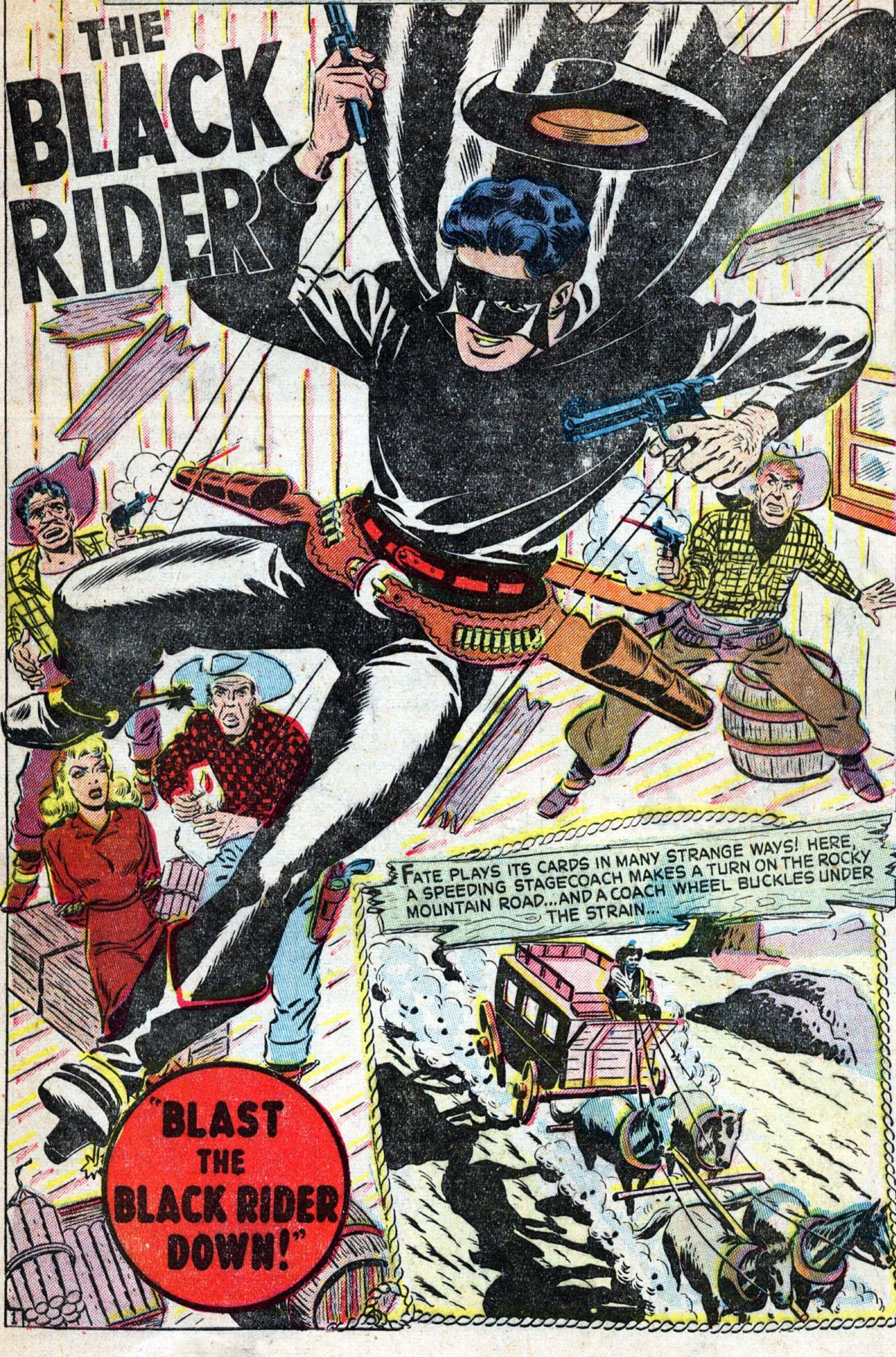
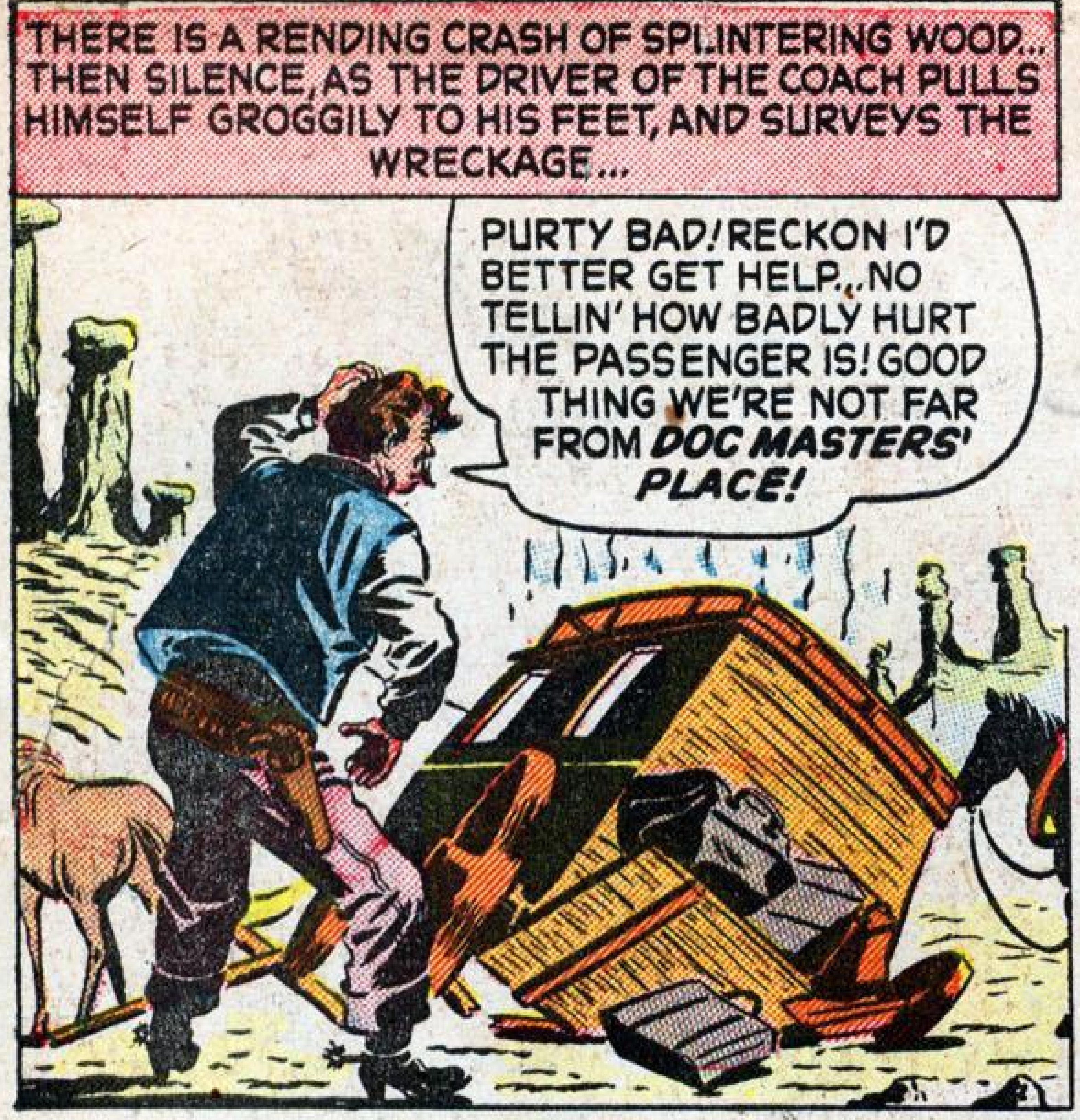
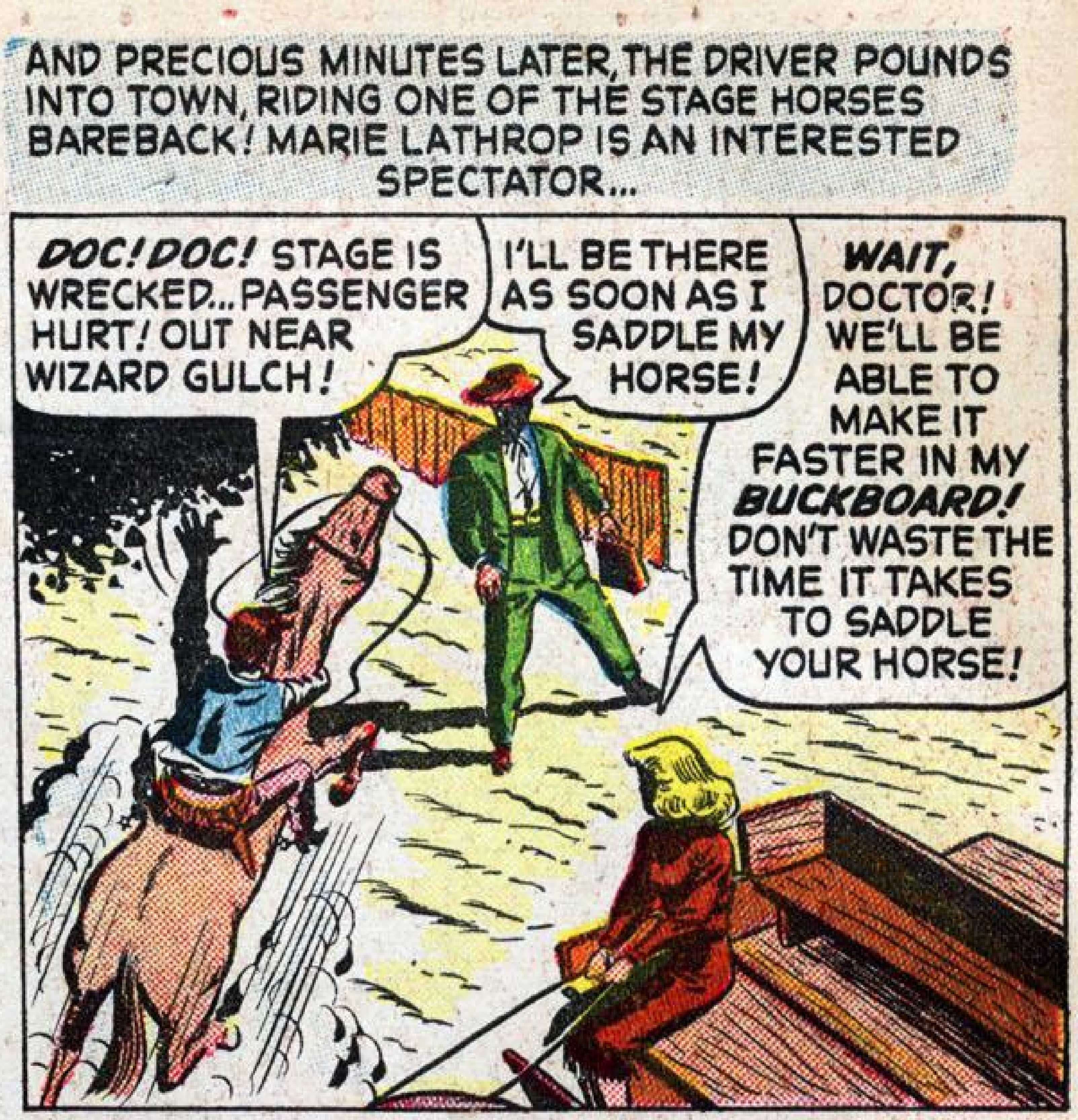
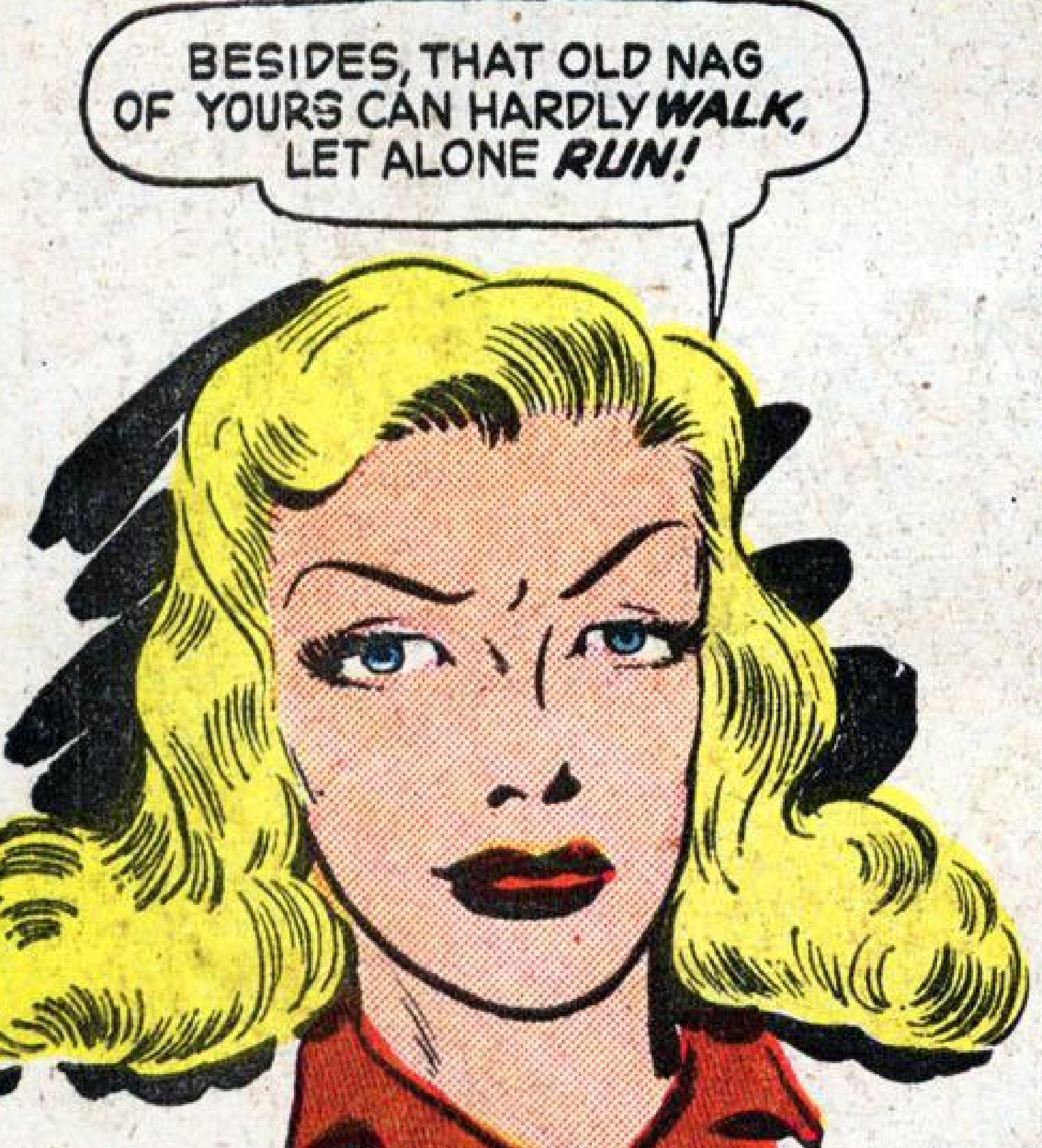
THE BLACK RIDER

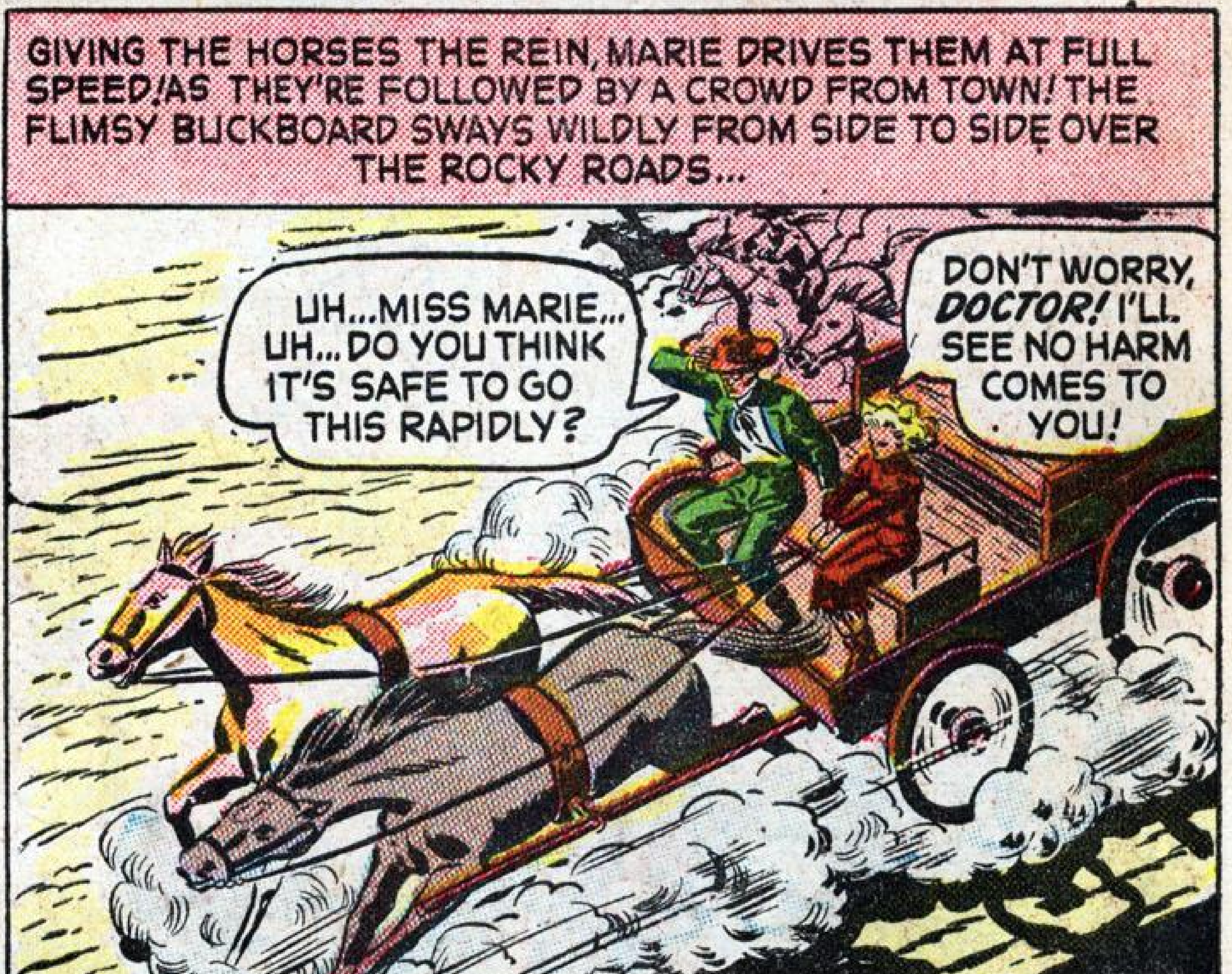
"BLAST THE BLACK RIDER DOWN!"

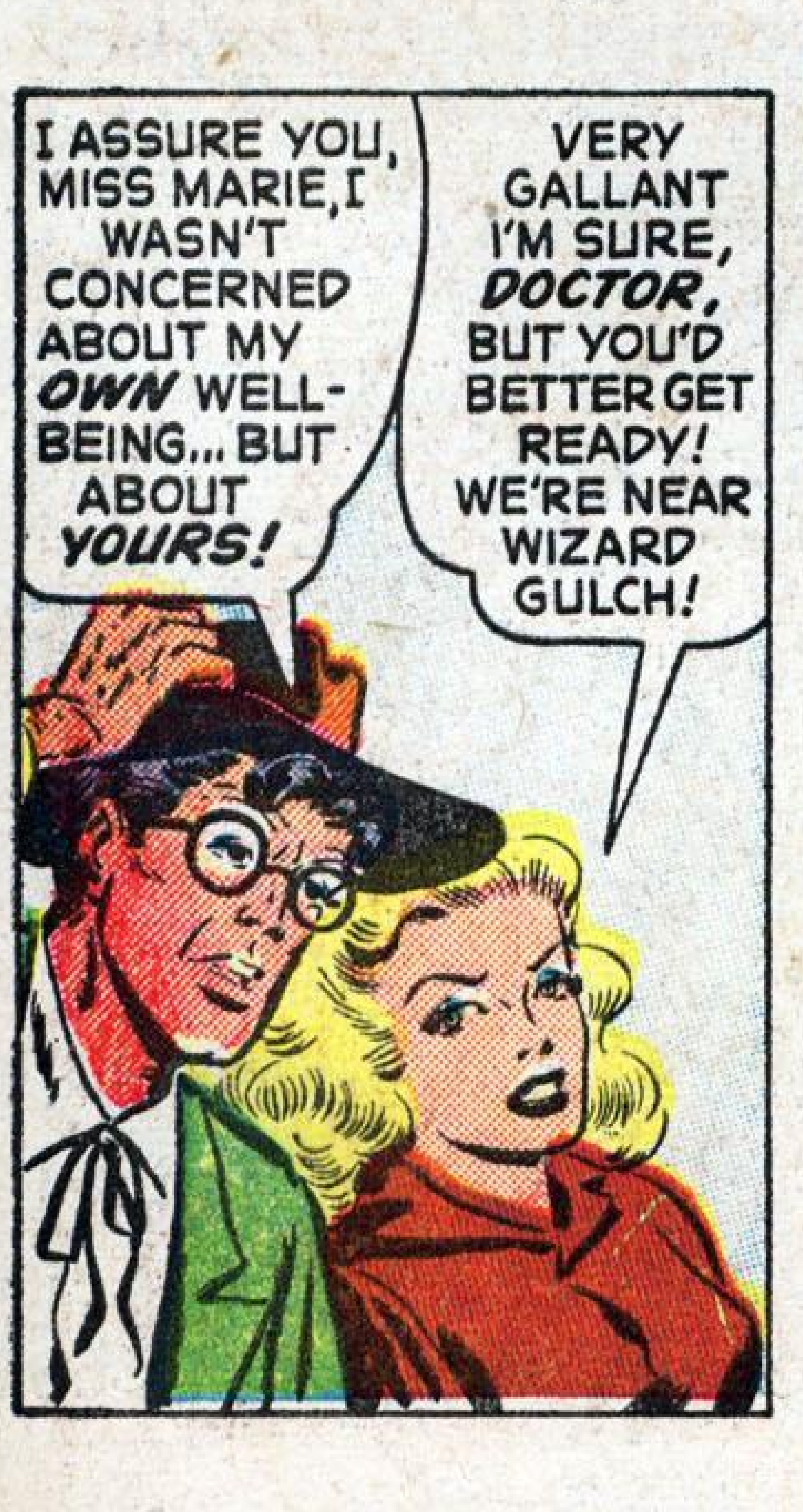

FATE PLAYS ITS CARDS IN MANY STRANGE WAYS! HERE, A SPEEDING STAGECOACH MAKES A TURN ON THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ROAD...AND A COACH WHEEL BUCKLES UNDER THE STRAIN...

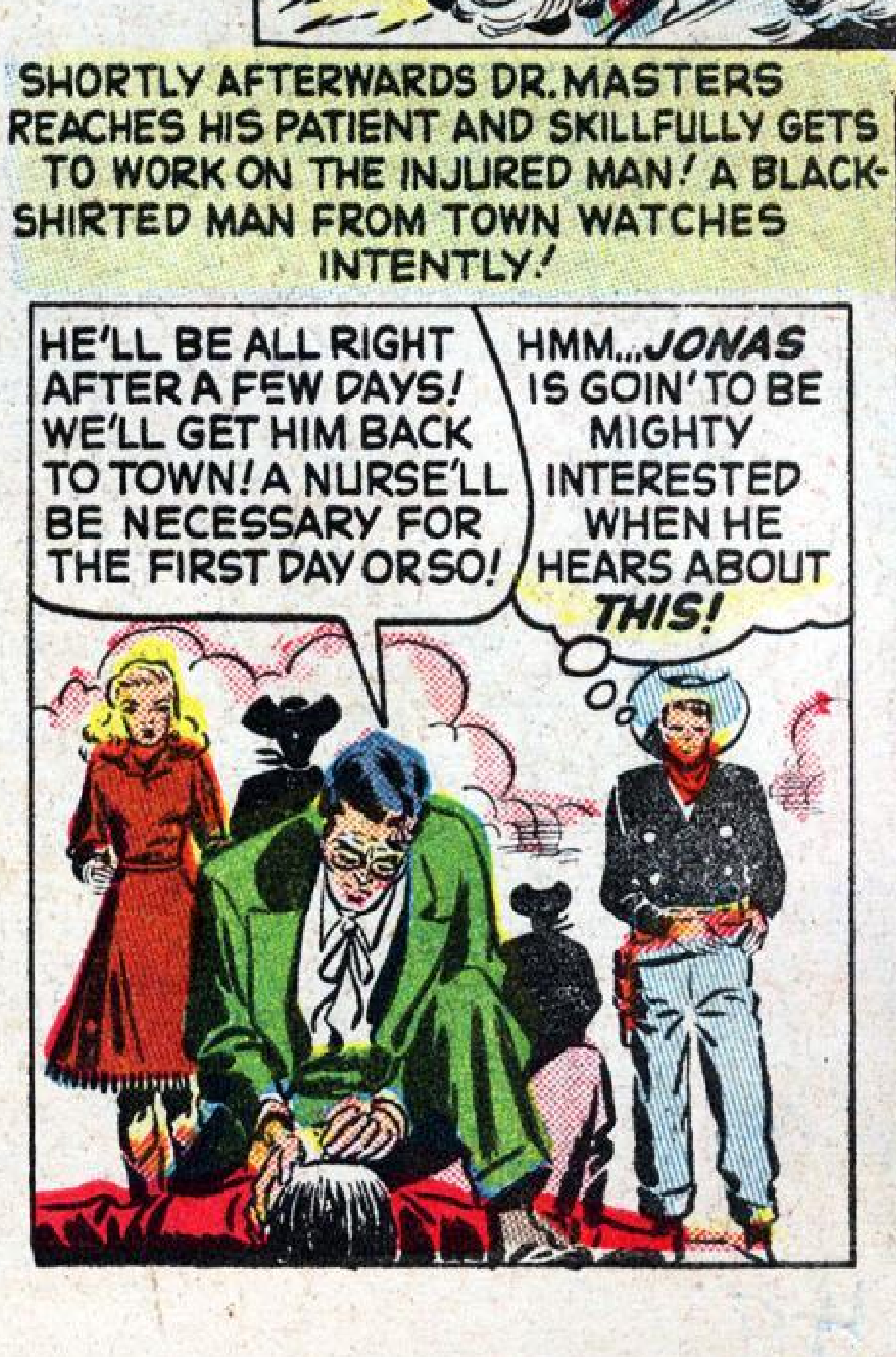

THERE IS A RENDING CRASH OF SPLINTERING WOOD... THEN SILENCE, AS THE DRIVER OF THE COACH PULLS HIMSELF GROGGILY TO HIS FEET, AND SURVEYS THE WRECKAGE...
PURTY BAD! RECKON I'D BETTER GET HELP...NO TELLIN' HOW BADLY HURT THE PASSENGER IS! GOOD THING WE'RE NOT FAR FROM **DOC MASTERS' PLACE!**

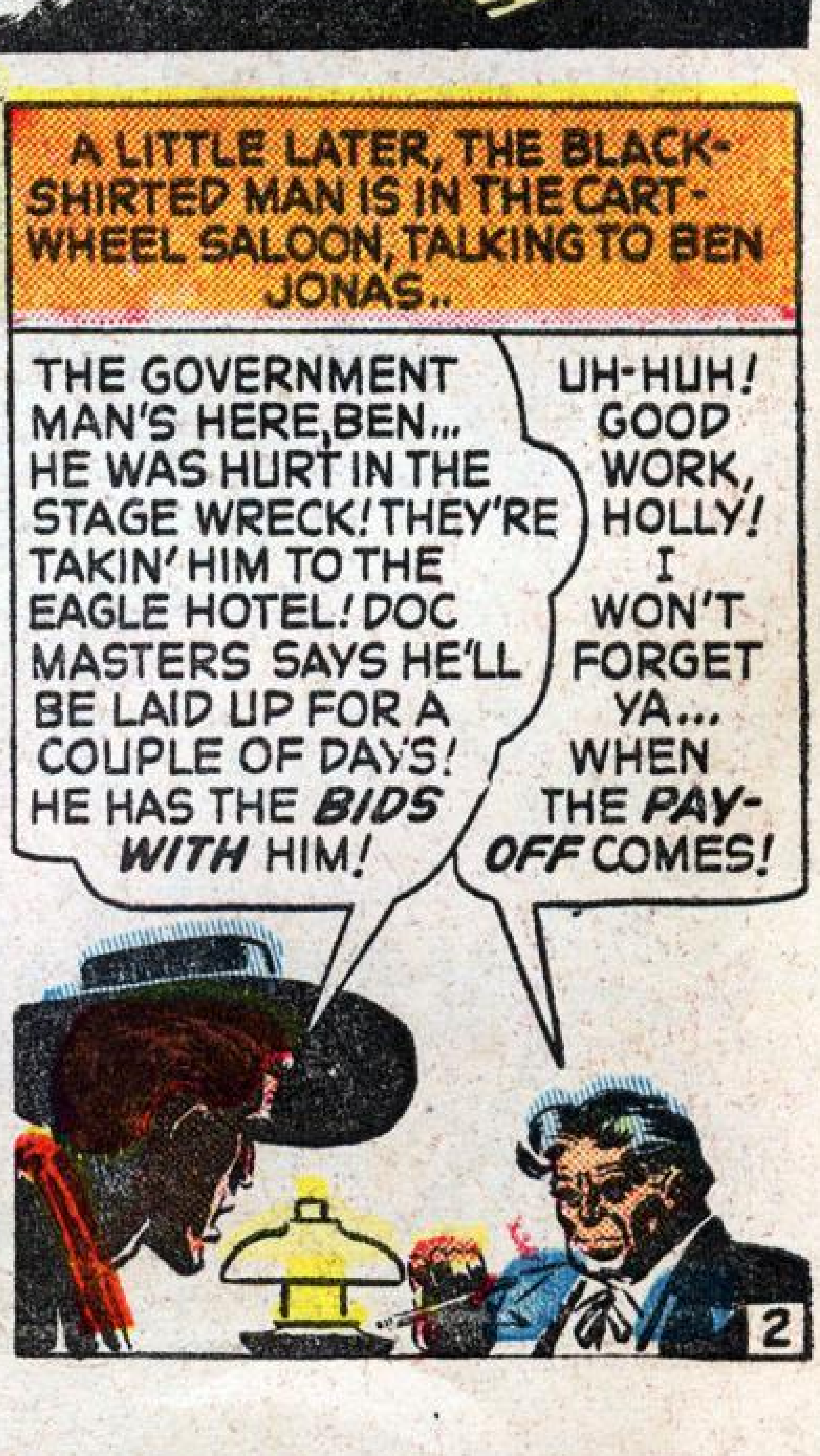

AND PRECIOUS MINUTES LATER, THE DRIVER POUNDS INTO TOWN, RIDING ONE OF THE STAGE HORSES BAREBACK! MARIE LATHROP IS AN INTERESTED SPECTATOR...
DOC! DOC! STAGE IS WRECKED...PASSENGER HURT! OUT NEAR WIZARD GULCH!
I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I SADDLE MY HORSE!
WAIT, DOCTOR! WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE IT FASTER IN MY ***BUCKBOARD!*** DON'T WASTE THE TIME IT TAKES TO SADDLE YOUR HORSE!

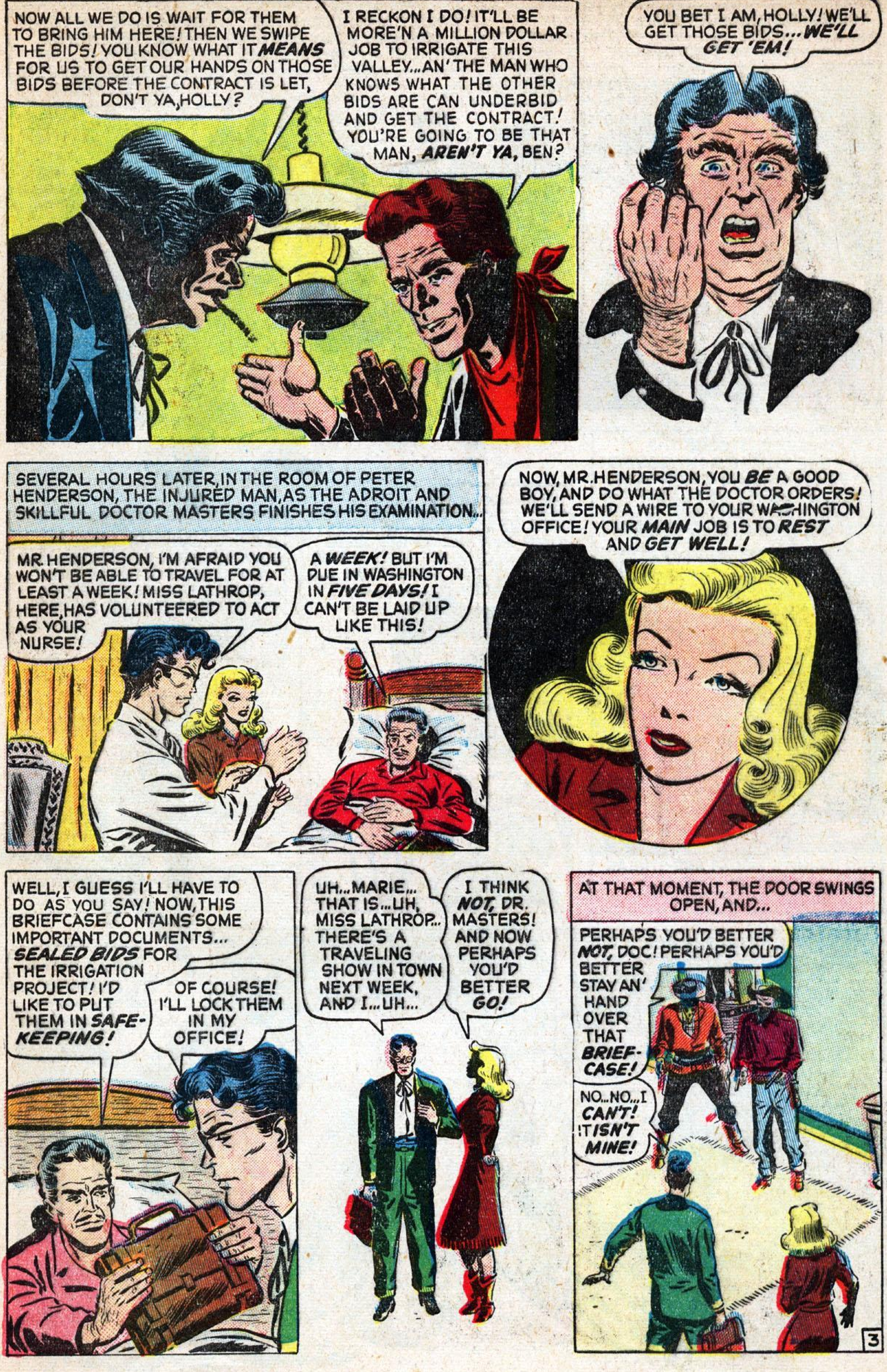

BESIDES, THAT OLD NAG OF YOURS CAN HARDLY ***WALK,*** LET ALONE ***RUN!***


GIVING THE HORSES THE REIN, MARIE DRIVES THEM AT FULL SPEED, AS THEY'RE FOLLOWED BY A CROWD FROM TOWN! THE FLIMSY BUCKBOARD SWAYS WILDLY FROM SIDE TO SIDE OVER THE ROCKY ROADS...
UH...MISS MARIE... UH...DO YOU THINK IT'S SAFE TO GO THIS RAPIDLY?
DON'T WORRY, ***DOCTOR!*** I'LL SEE NO HARM COMES TO YOU!


I ASSURE YOU, MISS MARIE, I WASN'T CONCERNED ABOUT MY ***OWN*** WELL-BEING... BUT ABOUT ***YOURS!***
VERY GALLANT I'M SURE, ***DOCTOR,*** BUT YOU'D BETTER GET READY! WE'RE NEAR WIZARD GULCH!


SHORTLY AFTERWARDS DR. MASTERS REACHES HIS PATIENT AND SKILLFULLY GETS TO WORK ON THE INJURED MAN! A BLACK-SHIRTED MAN FROM TOWN WATCHES INTENTLY!
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT AFTER A FEW DAYS! WE'LL GET HIM BACK TO TOWN! A NURSE'LL BE NECESSARY FOR THE FIRST DAY OR SO!
HMM...***JONAS*** IS GOIN' TO BE MIGHTY INTERESTED WHEN HE HEARS ABOUT ***THIS!***

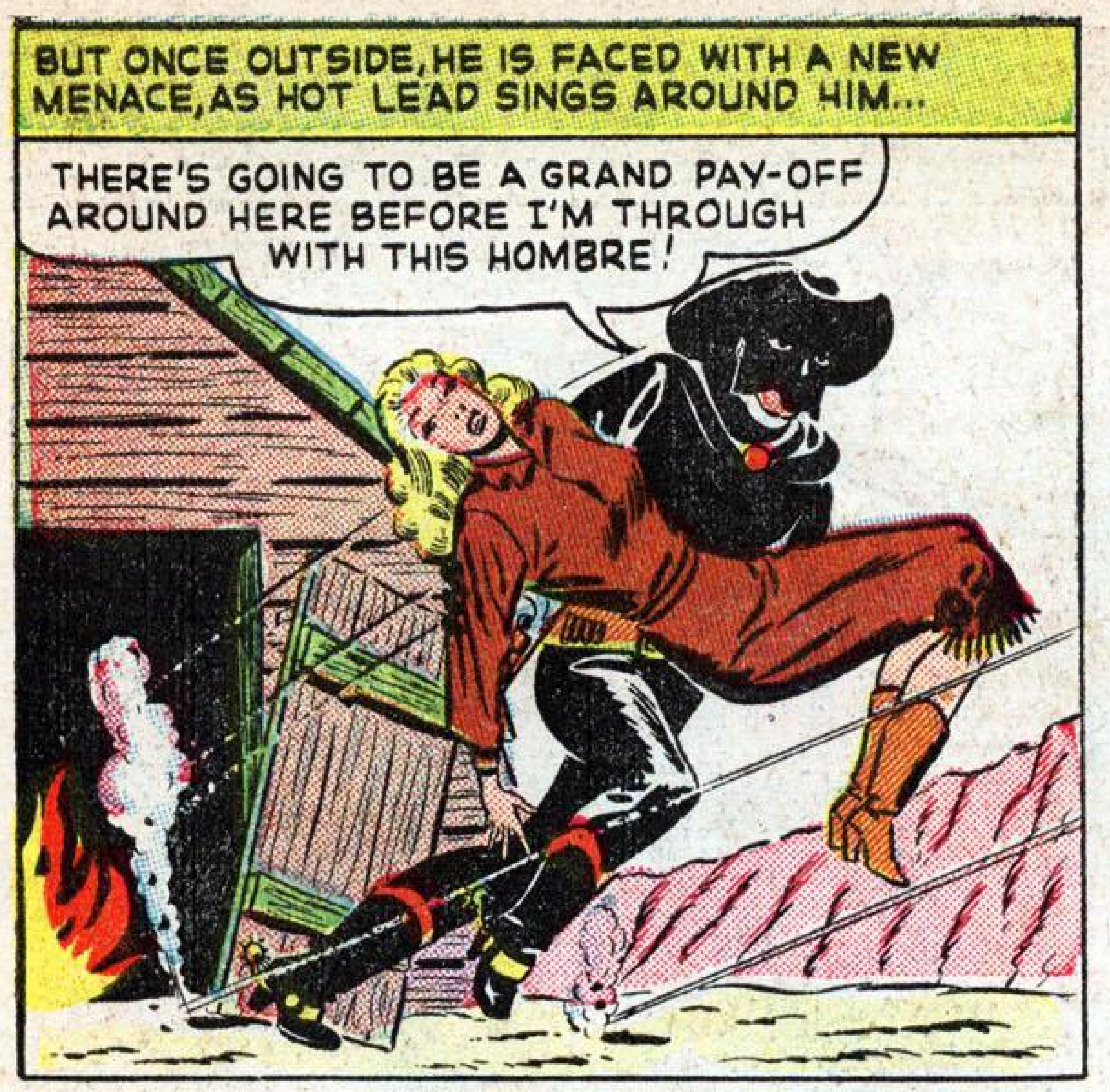

A LITTLE LATER, THE BLACK-SHIRTED MAN IS IN THE CARTWHEEL SALOON, TALKING TO BEN JONAS..
THE GOVERNMENT MAN'S HERE, BEN... HE WAS HURT IN THE STAGE WRECK! THEY'RE TAKIN' HIM TO THE EAGLE HOTEL! DOC MASTERS SAYS HE'LL BE LAID UP FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS! HE HAS THE ***BIDS WITH*** HIM!
UH-HUH! GOOD WORK, HOLLY! I WON'T FORGET YA... WHEN THE ***PAY-OFF*** COMES!

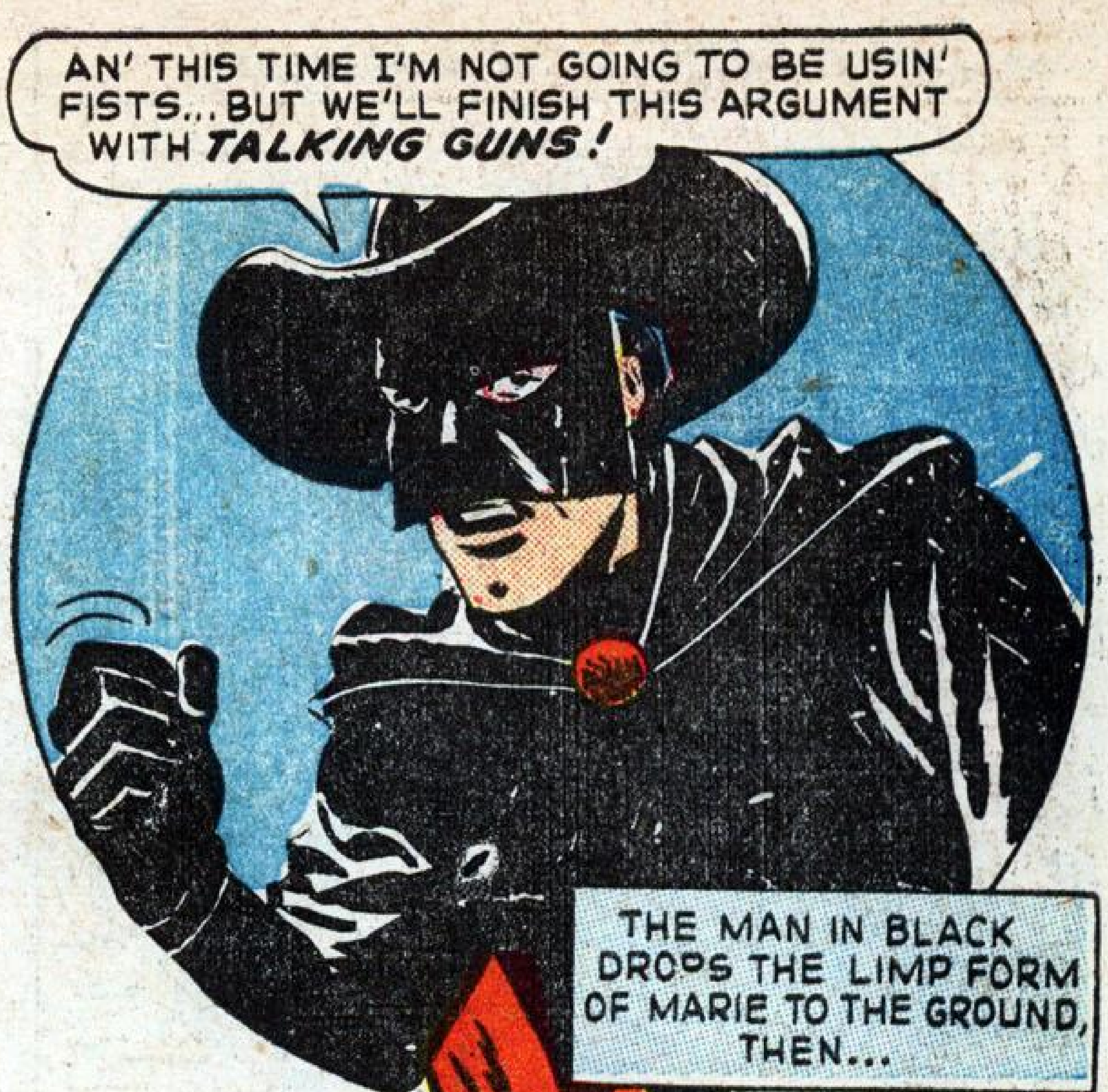

NOW ALL WE DO IS WAIT FOR THEM TO BRING HIM HERE! THEN WE SWIPE THE BIDS! YOU KNOW WHAT IT **MEANS** FOR US TO GET OUR HANDS ON THOSE BIDS BEFORE THE CONTRACT IS LET, DON'T YA, HOLLY?
I RECKON I DO! IT'LL BE MORE'N A MILLION DOLLAR JOB TO IRRIGATE THIS VALLEY...AN' THE MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT THE OTHER BIDS ARE CAN UNDERBID AND GET THE CONTRACT! YOU'RE GOING TO BE THAT MAN, **AREN'T YA,** BEN?
YOU BET I AM, HOLLY! WE'LL GET THOSE BIDS... ***WE'LL GET 'EM!***
SEVERAL HOURS LATER, IN THE ROOM OF PETER HENDERSON, THE INJURED MAN, AS THE ADROIT AND SKILLFUL DOCTOR MASTERS FINISHES HIS EXAMINATION...
MR. HENDERSON, I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TRAVEL FOR AT LEAST A WEEK! MISS LATHROP, HERE, HAS VOLUNTEERED TO ACT AS YOUR NURSE!
A ***WEEK!*** BUT I'M DUE IN WASHINGTON IN ***FIVE DAYS!*** I CAN'T BE LAID UP LIKE THIS!
NOW, MR. HENDERSON, YOU ***BE*** A GOOD BOY, AND DO WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERS! WE'LL SEND A WIRE TO YOUR WASHINGTON OFFICE! YOUR ***MAIN*** JOB IS TO ***REST*** AND ***GET WELL!***
WELL, I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO DO AS YOU SAY! NOW, THIS BRIEFCASE CONTAINS SOME IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS... ***SEALED BIDS*** FOR THE IRRIGATION PROJECT! I'D LIKE TO PUT THEM IN ***SAFE-KEEPING!***
OF COURSE! I'LL LOCK THEM IN MY OFFICE!
UH...MARIE... THAT IS...UH, MISS LATHROP... THERE'S A TRAVELING SHOW IN TOWN NEXT WEEK, AND I...UH...
I THINK ***NOT,*** DR. MASTERS! AND NOW PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER ***GO!***
AT THAT MOMENT, THE DOOR SWINGS OPEN, AND...
PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER ***NOT,*** DOC! PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER STAY AN' HAND OVER THAT ***BRIEF-CASE!***
NO...NO...I ***CAN'T!*** IT ***ISN'T MINE!***

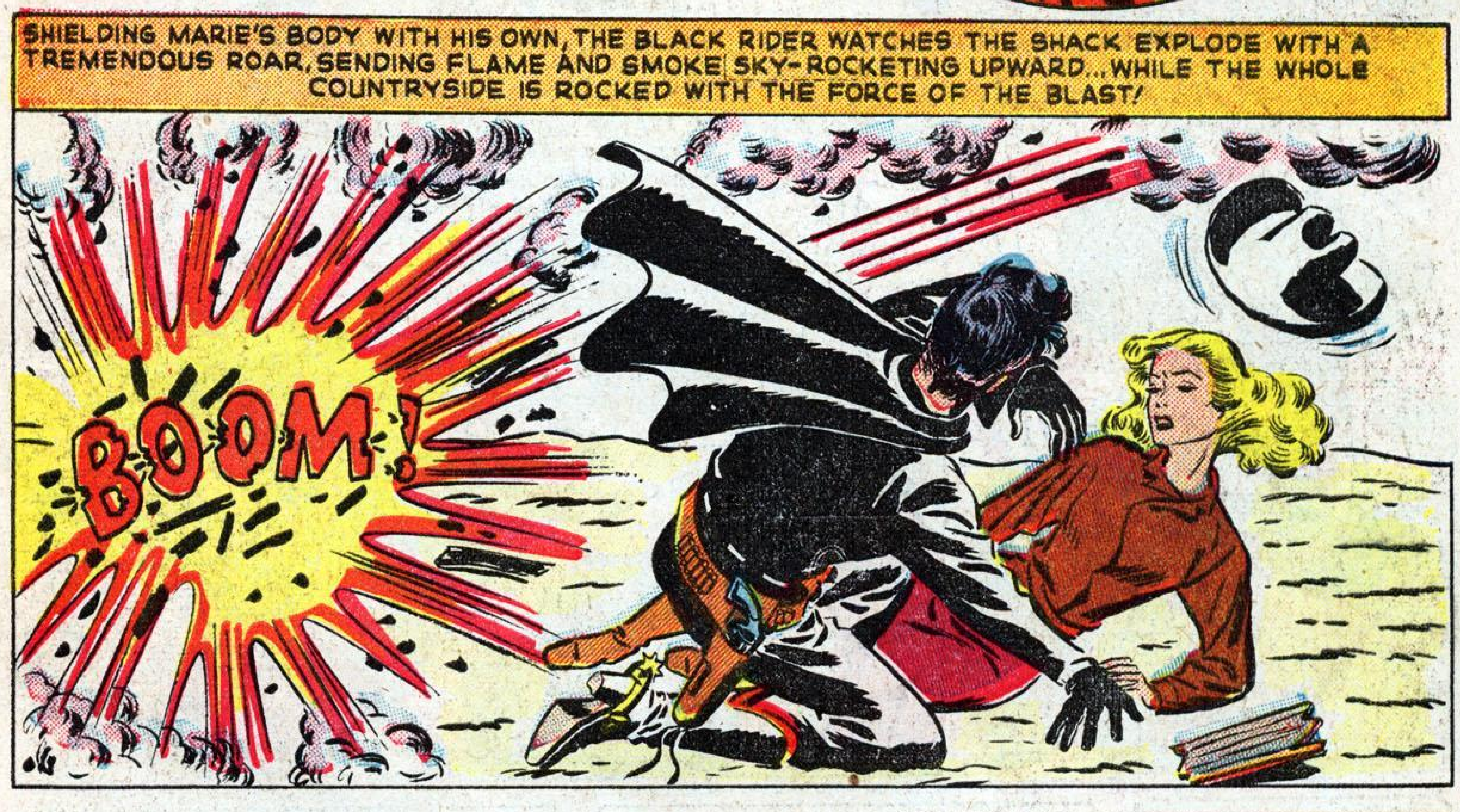
YOU ROTTEN OWLHOOTERS... I'LL... UGH!
THAT'LL SHUT YOU UP *PERMANENTLY!* NOW HAND ME THAT BRIEFCASE, DOC... OR *YOU'LL* GET MORE OF THE *SAME!*
BANG!
WHY... UH... HERE IT IS... I... UH...
DOCTOR MASTERS, YOU'RE A *COWARD!* DON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT A *FIGHT*... LET ME... UGH!
NOSEY DAME, ISN'T SHE? WE'D BETTER LUG *HER ALONG WITH* US, JUST IN CASE SOMEBODY GETS THE IDEA TO *THROW LEAD!*
SO LONG, DOC! *YOU'RE* THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS ANY *BRAINS!* NO PERCENTAGE IN RISKIN' YOUR NECK, IS THERE? WE'LL KEEP THE GAL AS A HOSTAGE! JUST IN CASE YOU GET *IDEAS!* S'LONG, AMIGO!
THE BANDITS MOUNT AND STREAK OUT OF TOWN ON THE OLD GLORY MINE TRAIL!
MEANWHILE...
HE'S DEAD, POOR FELLOW! IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GET INTO ACTION! I MUST SAVE MARIE AND GET THE IRRIGATION BIDS BACK!
A FEW DEFT, DECISIVE MOMENTS, A RAPID CHANGE OF COSTUME, AND IN PLACE OF THE MEEK, MILD-MANNERED DOCTOR MATHEW MASTERS STANDS THE FIERY, STEEL-MUSCLED, TWO-FISTED NEMESIS OF THE RANGE-LAND... *THE BLACK RIDER!*
AT A SIGNAL FROM THE BLACK RIDER, SATAN, HIS HORSE, IS TRANSFORMED FROM A TIRED-LOOKING BROOMIE INTO A PROUD, POWERFUL STALLION WITH ARCHED NECK AND DILATED NOSTRILS... A THOROUGHBRED FIT TO BEAR THE BLACK RIDER!
COME ON, SATAN! THERE'S *WORK* TO DO!
WITH A GRACEFUL LEAP, THE MAN IN BLACK MOUNTS HIS GALLANT HORSE, THEN THE THRILLING CRY OF THE BLACK RIDER RINGS OUT!
YAHOO, SATAN! ONWARD!

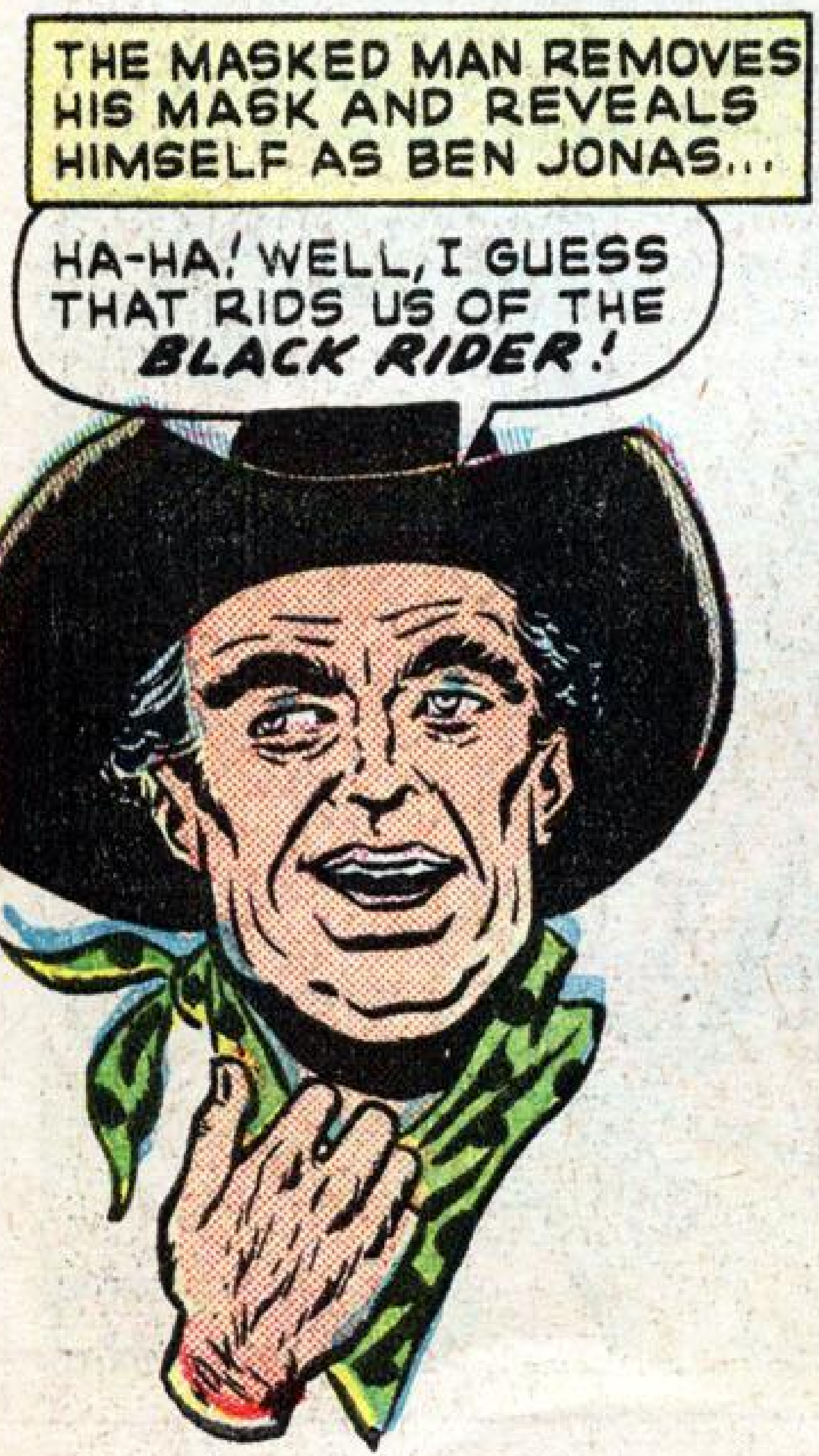
AS THE MIGHTY SATAN RACES FORWARD, GAINING GROUND WITH EACH STRIDE, THE BLACK RIDER SPOTS THE MEN HE IS PURSUING...
GOOD WORK, SATAN! THERE THEY ARE!
LIKE AN AVENGING PANTHER, THE MAN IN BLACK LITHELY SPRINGS FROM HIS SADDLE TO STRIKE WITH ALL THE STRENGTH OF HIS STEEL MUSCLES...
ALL RIGHT, HOMBRE! *LET THAT GIRL GO!*
IT'S...IT'S THE *BLACK RIDER!*
BLAST THE BLACK RIDER DOWN, BOYS!
IN A WILD SWIRL OF ACTION, THE BLACK RIDER CLASHES WITH THE KIDNAPERS NEAR THE OLD GLORY MINE!
HE'S A BAD ONE TO TANGLE WITH, THAT BLACK RIDER! CAN'T EVEN PUT A SHOT INTO HIM! RECKON I'D BEST GET TO THE MINE SHAFT! I'LL USE THE GAL AS A SHIELD!
YAHOO! YOU DOGS, *FIGHT!*
THAT MASKED COYOTE IS GETTIN' AWAY AND HE'S TAKIN' MARIE WITH HIM! I'LL HAVE TO FINISH THIS QUICKLY!
SOCK!
WHAM!
GUARD THEM, SATAN! DON'T LET THEM MOVE A *FINGER!* I'M GOIN' AFTER THE *OTHER ONE!*

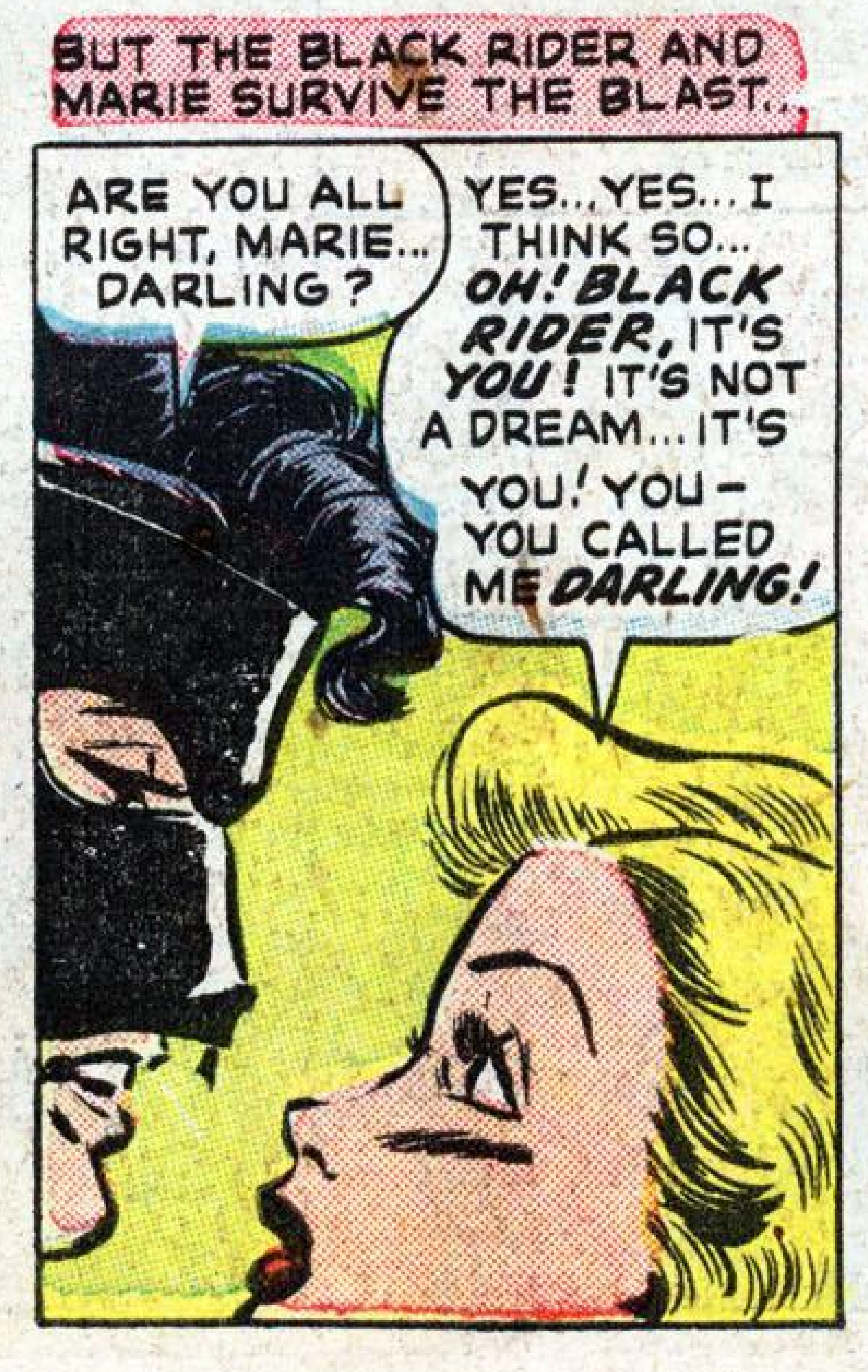
GRIMLY, THE BLACK RIDER PURSUES HIS QUARRY, AND BRAVES A HAIL OF LEAD FROM THE FLEEING MAN...
CAN'T RISK FIRING BACK AT HIM... MIGHT HIT MARIE!
STAND WHERE YOU ARE, BLACK RIDER, OR I'LL BLAST THE GAL INTO A MILLION PIECES! THIS MINE SHACK IS LOADED WITH ALL KINDS OF EXPLOSIVES... AND IF YOU TAKE ANOTHER STEP, I'LL THROW A MATCH INTO IT!
CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN TO MARIE..
ALL RIGHT, MISTER, YOU WIN! JUST LET ME GET THE GIRL TO SAFETY!
DANGER! EXPLOSIVES!
HAW! HAW! SO YOU'RE WEAK LIKE THE REST OF 'EM, EH, BLACK RIDER? YOU FALL FOR A PRETTY FACE AN' A FLASHIN' SMILE! WELL, IT DOESN'T MEAN A THING TO ME!
AJAX MATCHES
CASUALLY, THE MAN LIGHTS THE MATCHES AND FLIPS THE BLAZING BOX THROUGH THE WINDOW!
THERE! IN ANOTHER COUPLE OF SECONDS, THE WHOLE PLACE WILL GO UP IN SMITHEREENS!
STOP! YOU LOW-DOWN, MANGY COYOTE!
IN A SUPREME EFFORT, THE BLACK RIDER MAKES A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE GIRL, AS THE FUGITIVE TURNS AND RUNS FOR THE SHELTER OF THE MINE ENTRANCE...
MARIE! I MUST SAVE MARIE!
AN' WHILE HE'S PLAYIN' HERO, I'LL MAKE MY GETAWAY AN' WATCH THE FIREWORKS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE MINE!
DANGER
INSIDE THE SHACK, THE INTREPID BLACK RIDER FINDS THE GIRL... AND WITH ONLY SECONDS LEFT, BEFORE THE HUNGRY FLAMES TOUCH THE EXPLOSIVES WITH THEIR FIERY TONGUES, HE TAKES HER UP IN HIS ARMS AND PREPARES TO DASH FOR SAFETY...

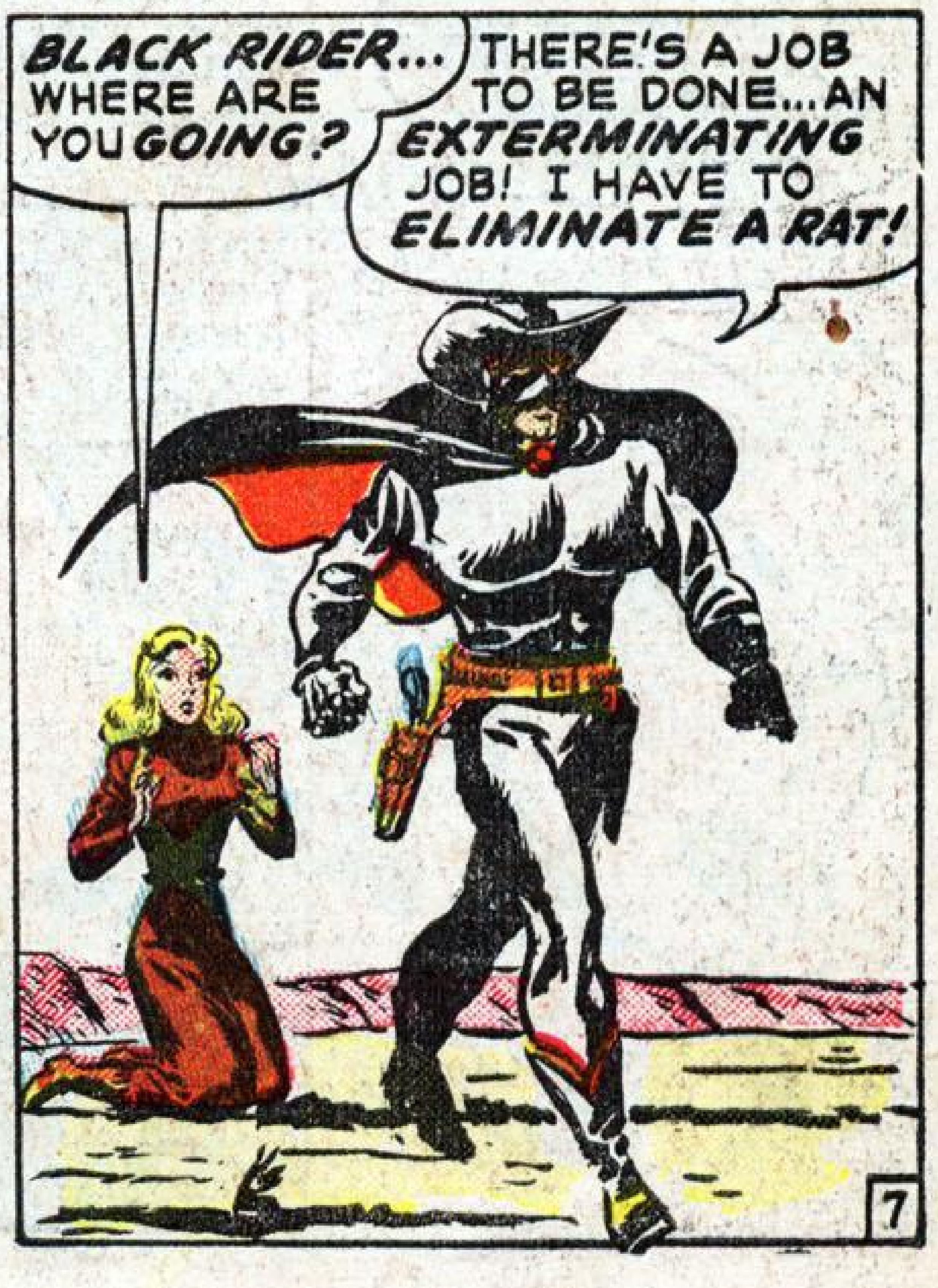

BUT ONCE OUTSIDE, HE IS FACED WITH A NEW MENACE, AS HOT LEAD SINGS AROUND HIM...
THERE'S GOING TO BE A GRAND PAY-OFF AROUND HERE BEFORE I'M THROUGH WITH THIS HOMBRE!


AN' THIS TIME I'M NOT GOING TO BE USIN' FISTS... BUT WE'LL FINISH THIS ARGUMENT WITH *TALKING GUNS!*
THE MAN IN BLACK DROPS THE LIMP FORM OF MARIE TO THE GROUND, THEN...


SHIELDING MARIE'S BODY WITH HIS OWN, THE BLACK RIDER WATCHES THE SHACK EXPLODE WITH A TREMENDOUS ROAR, SENDING FLAME AND SMOKE SKY-ROCKETING UPWARD... WHILE THE WHOLE COUNTRYSIDE IS ROCKED WITH THE FORCE OF THE BLAST!
BOOM!


THE MASKED MAN REMOVES HIS MASK AND REVEALS HIMSELF AS BEN JONAS...
HA-HA! WELL, I GUESS THAT RIDS US OF THE *BLACK RIDER!*


BUT THE BLACK RIDER AND MARIE SURVIVE THE BLAST...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MARIE... DARLING?
YES... YES... I THINK SO... *OH! BLACK RIDER,* IT'S *YOU!* IT'S NOT A DREAM... IT'S YOU! YOU-YOU CALLED ME *DARLING!*


BLACK RIDER... WHERE ARE YOU *GOING?*
THERE'S A JOB TO BE DONE... AN *EXTERMINATING* JOB! I HAVE TO *ELIMINATE A RAT!*

AND MOMENTS LATER...AT THE MINE MOUTH...
YOU! YOU'RE *STILL ALIVE!* *DON'T COME ANY CLOSER!*
GO AHEAD, JONAS... I'LL GIVE YOU *FIRST SHOT!*
IN A FRENZY OF FEAR, JONAS FIRES ONE SHOT AFTER ANOTHER, BUT NOW HIS NERVES ARE SHATTERED, AS HE IS FACED WITH THE IMPLACABLE FURY OF THE BLACK-CLAD WARRIOR OF THE RANGE!
RECKON YOU'VE *HAD* YOUR TURN, JONAS.. NOW IT'S *MINE!*
I DON'T MISS!
BLACK RIDER! BLACK RIDER! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES! HE WON'T PULL ANY MORE CROOKED DEALS... OR KILL AN INNOCENT MAN AGAIN..
...AND ONE THING MORE, MARIE... *THIS!*
OH...OHHH... BLACK RIDER... IT'S...MMM...
HE...HE *KISSED* ME... BLACK RIDER... *BLACK RIDER!* HE'S *GONE!*
HOURS LATER...AFTER MARIE HAS RETURNED TO TOWN AND TURNED THE DOCUMENTS OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES...
MISS MARIE... THERE'S A DANCE TONIGHT...AND...UH... WOULD YOU...UH...
GO AWAY, DOCTOR! OH, BLACK RIDER... WHERE DID YOU GO? WILL I EVER FIND YOU AGAIN?
BLACK RIDER.. HE... KISSED... ME.
WE'LL SEE IF THAT CAN BE ARRANGED AGAIN, MIGHTY SOON!
THE END

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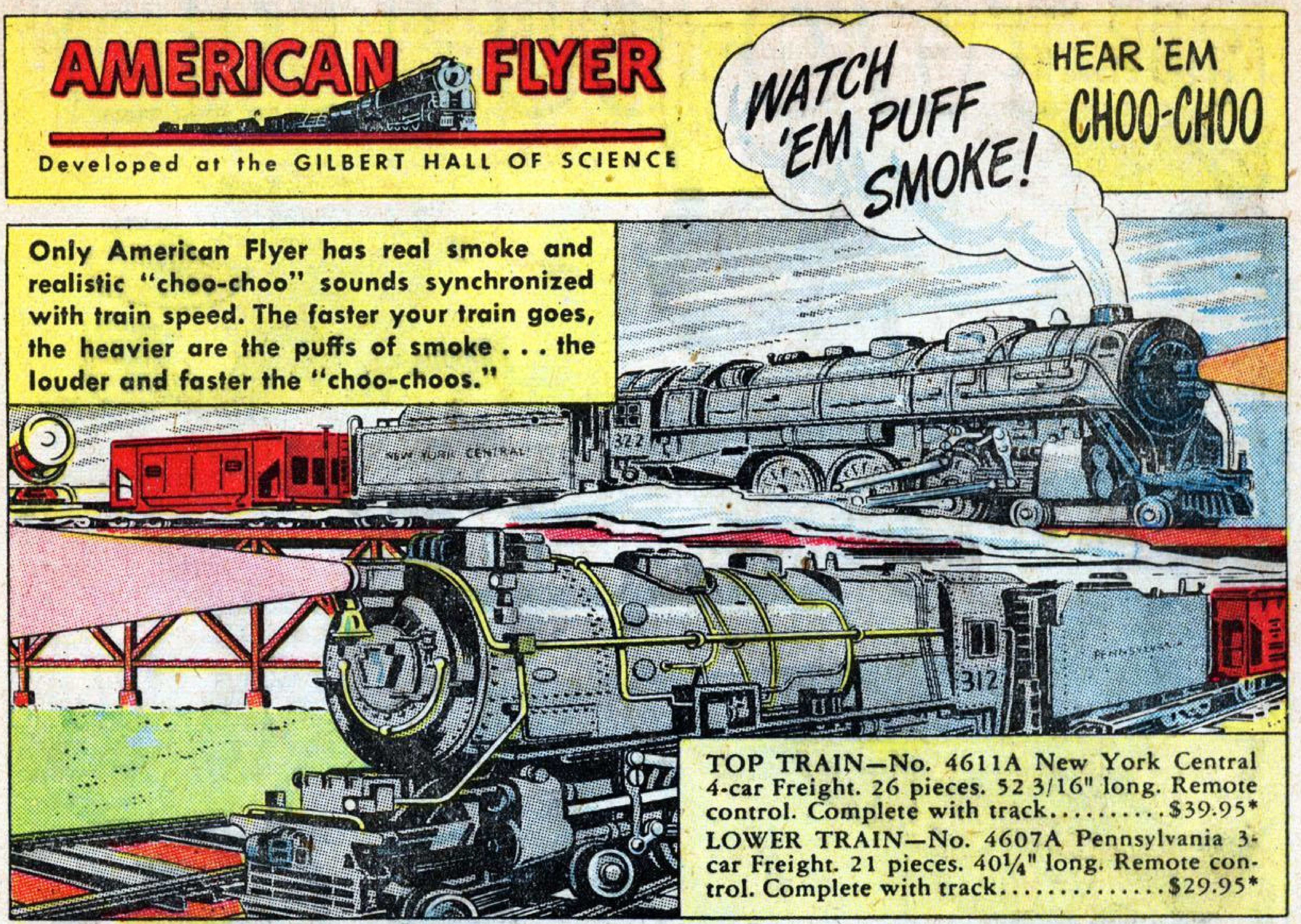
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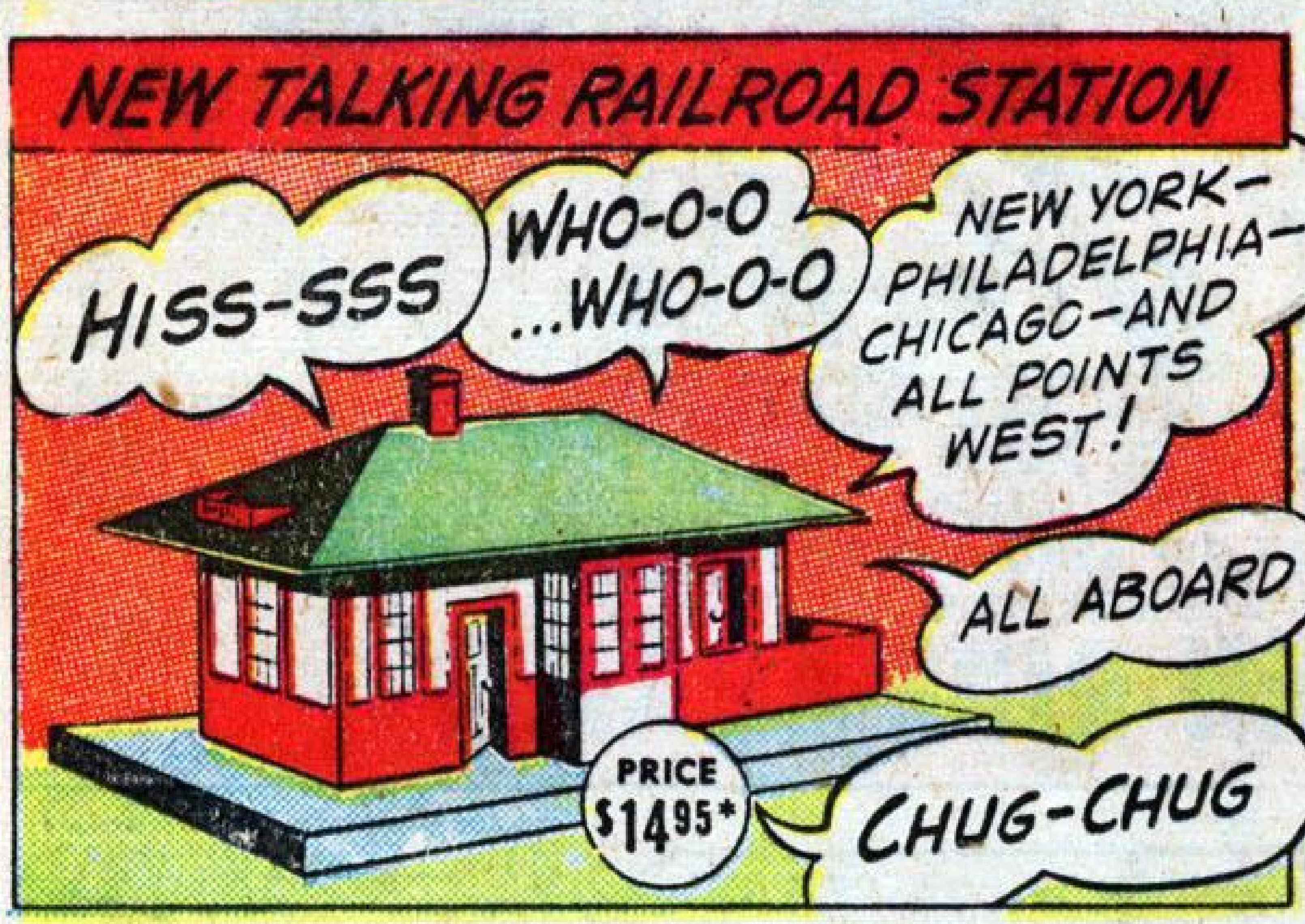
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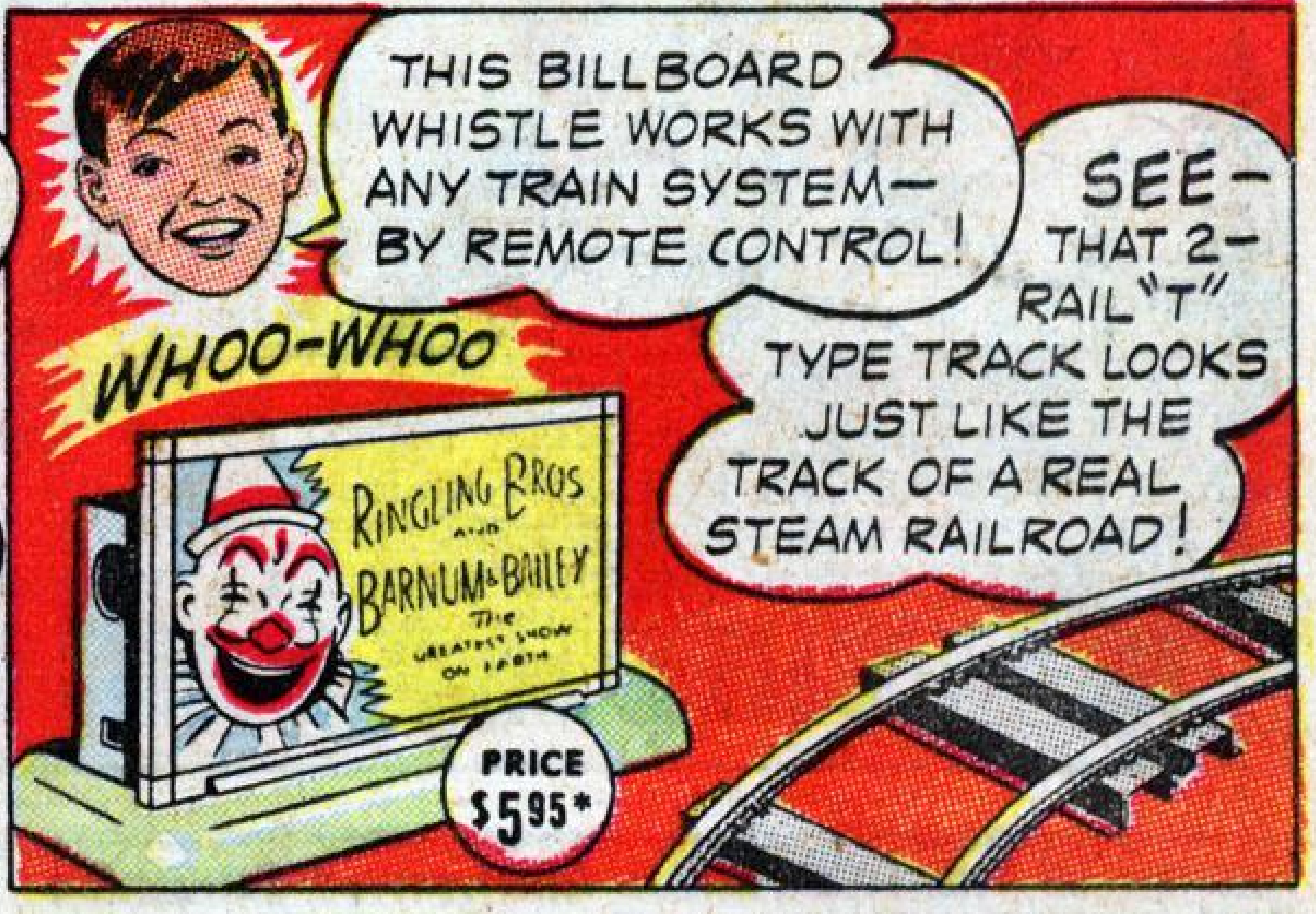
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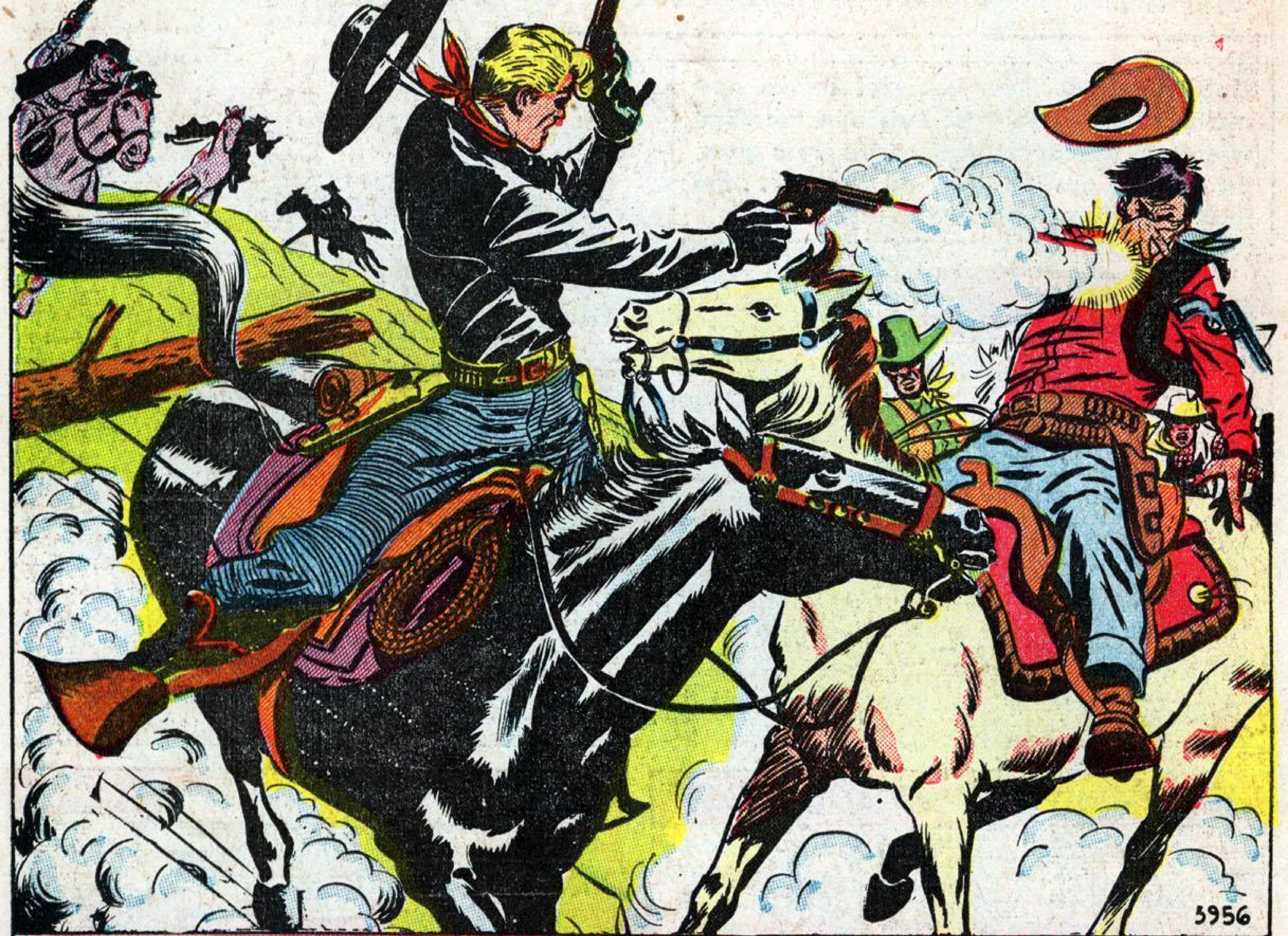

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOUR FRIEND, AN HONEST LAWMAN, WAS ACCUSED OF BEING IN CAHOOTS WITH A KILLER HARDCASE? EVERY BIT OF EVIDENCE SEEMS TO PROVE THAT SHERIFF DELANEY HAS FREED A BADMAN SO HE CAN KILL AND KILL AGAIN! THIS IS THE SITUATION THAT FACES THE TWO-GUN KID WHEN HE RIDES IN TO SEE HIS OLD PARD, THE STAR-TOTER OF BIG BEND, AND FINDS HE MUST PROVE THE LAWMAN'S INNOCENCE IN THE OLD WESTERN WAY... BEHIND SMOKING GUNS, IN...

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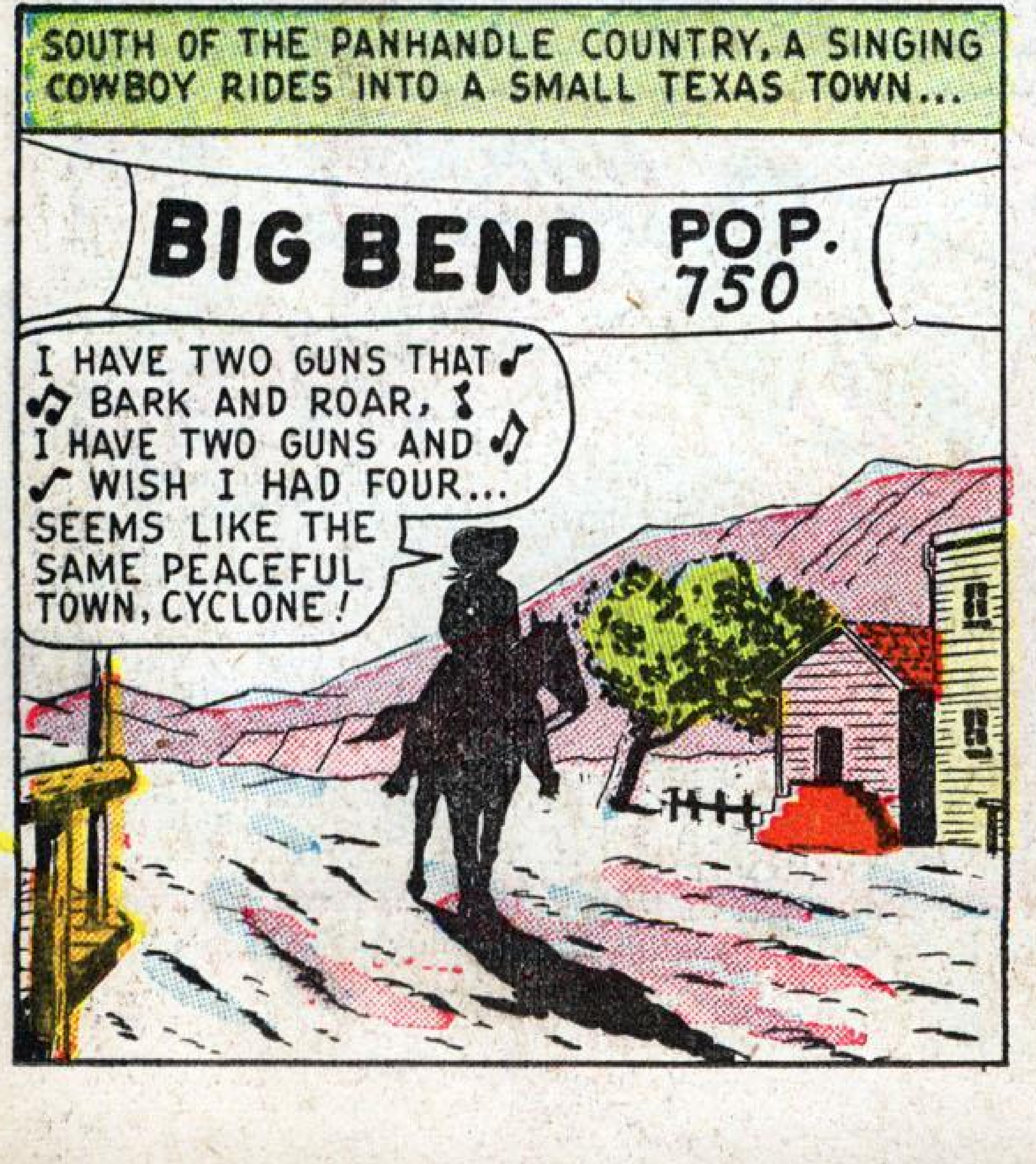
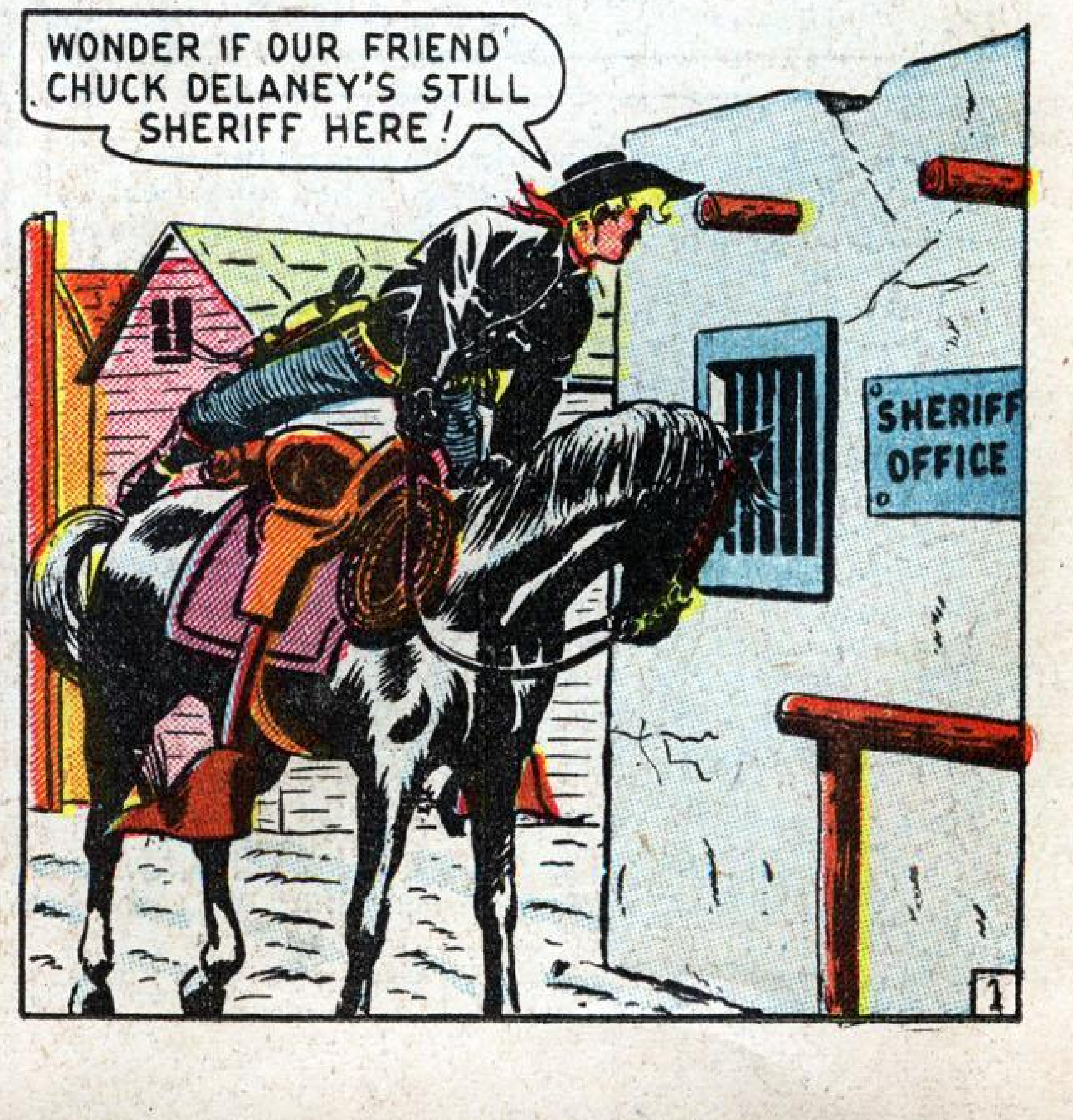

SOUTH OF THE PANHANDLE COUNTRY, A SINGING COWBOY RIDES INTO A SMALL TEXAS TOWN...
BIG BEND POP. 750
I HAVE TWO GUNS THAT ♪ BARK AND ROAR, ♪ I HAVE TWO GUNS AND ♪ WISH I HAD FOUR... SEEMS LIKE THE SAME PEACEFUL TOWN, CYCLONE!


WONDER IF OUR FRIEND CHUCK DELANEY'S STILL SHERIFF HERE!
SHERIFF OFFICE

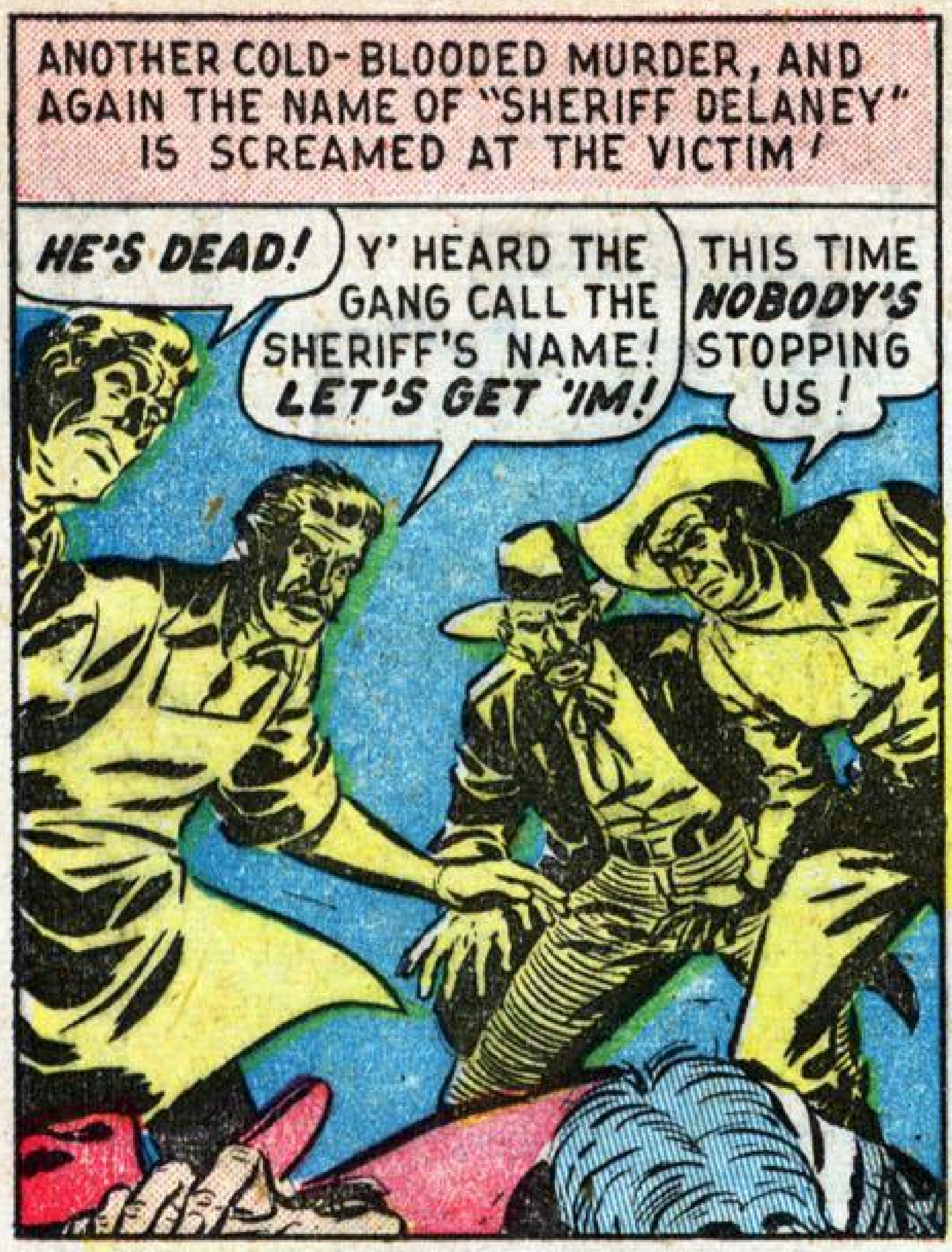
HOWDY, CHUCK! WAS JUST PASSING BY AND THOUGHT I'D SAY HELLO!
WELL I'LL BE... THE TWO-GUN KID!
HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A DOG'S AGE! YOU LOOK TIRED, KID!
RECKON MY HOSS AND I COULD USE SOME REST!
STILL KEEPING LAW AND ORDER, CHUCK?
YEP! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO HEAR A JURY BRING IN A HANGIN' VERDICT FOR ME!
HANGIN' IN BIG BEND! THINGS SURE HAVE CHANGED!
YEP! C'MON, KID! THE JURY SHOULD BE COMIN' IN BY NOW!
WANTED
THIS COYOTE'S BEEN HOSS-STEALIN'! FINALLY DABBED A LOOP ON HIM!
WHAT'S HIS NAME?
COURT HOUSE
HE CALLS HIMSELF BILL BARNES!
GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY, HAVE YOU REACHED A VERDICT?
WE, THE JURY, FIND THE DEFENDANT... GUILTY!

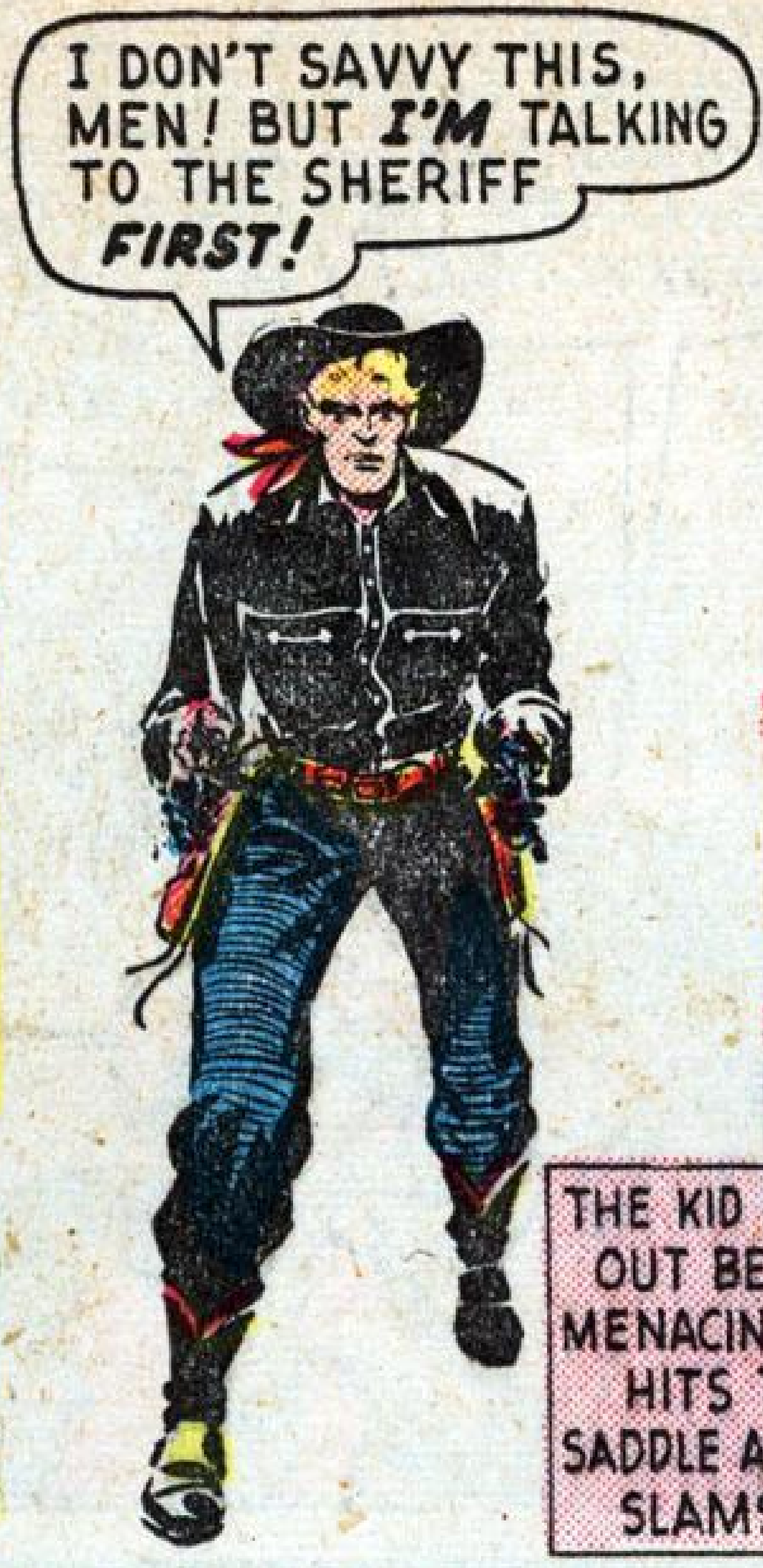
BILL BARNES, THE PEOPLE OF BIG BEND HAVE FOUND YOU GUILTY! I SENTENCE YOU TO **HANG BY THE NECK UNTIL YOU ARE DEAD!**
SEEMS TO ME LIKE I SAW THIS BARNES IN KANSAS, COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO!
NO, KID, YOU'RE **MISTAKEN!** HE'S BEEN HOSS-STEALIN' ROUND THESE PARTS FOR **MONTHS!**
ANYTHING YOU HAVE TO SAY, BILL?
YEAH, JUST **ONE** THING TO THE "**GENTLEMEN**" OF THE JURY!
NO JAIL'S HOLDIN' **ME,** GENTS... **AND I'M COMIN' AFTER YOU ONE BY ONE... TO KILL YA!**
ALL RIGHT, BILL! YOU'VE DONE YOUR **LAST TALKING!**
YEAH, AND MY PAL SHERIFF DELANEY'S LETTIN' ME OUTTA JAIL T' GET YA... CAUSE HE SPLIT THE HOSS-STEALIN' MONEY WITH ME!
INSTANTLY, BARNES' WORDS THROW THE COURT INTO AN UPROAR!
WHAT'S HE SAYIN'?
IT'S A **LIE!**
HONEST CHUCK DELANEY ISN'T ANY **THIEF!**
YOU LIE, BILL BARNES! AND EVERY HONEST HOMBRE IN BIG BEND KNOWS IT!
SEEMS TO ME THAT THIS BARNES MIGHT NEED **WATCHING** BEFORE HE HANGS!

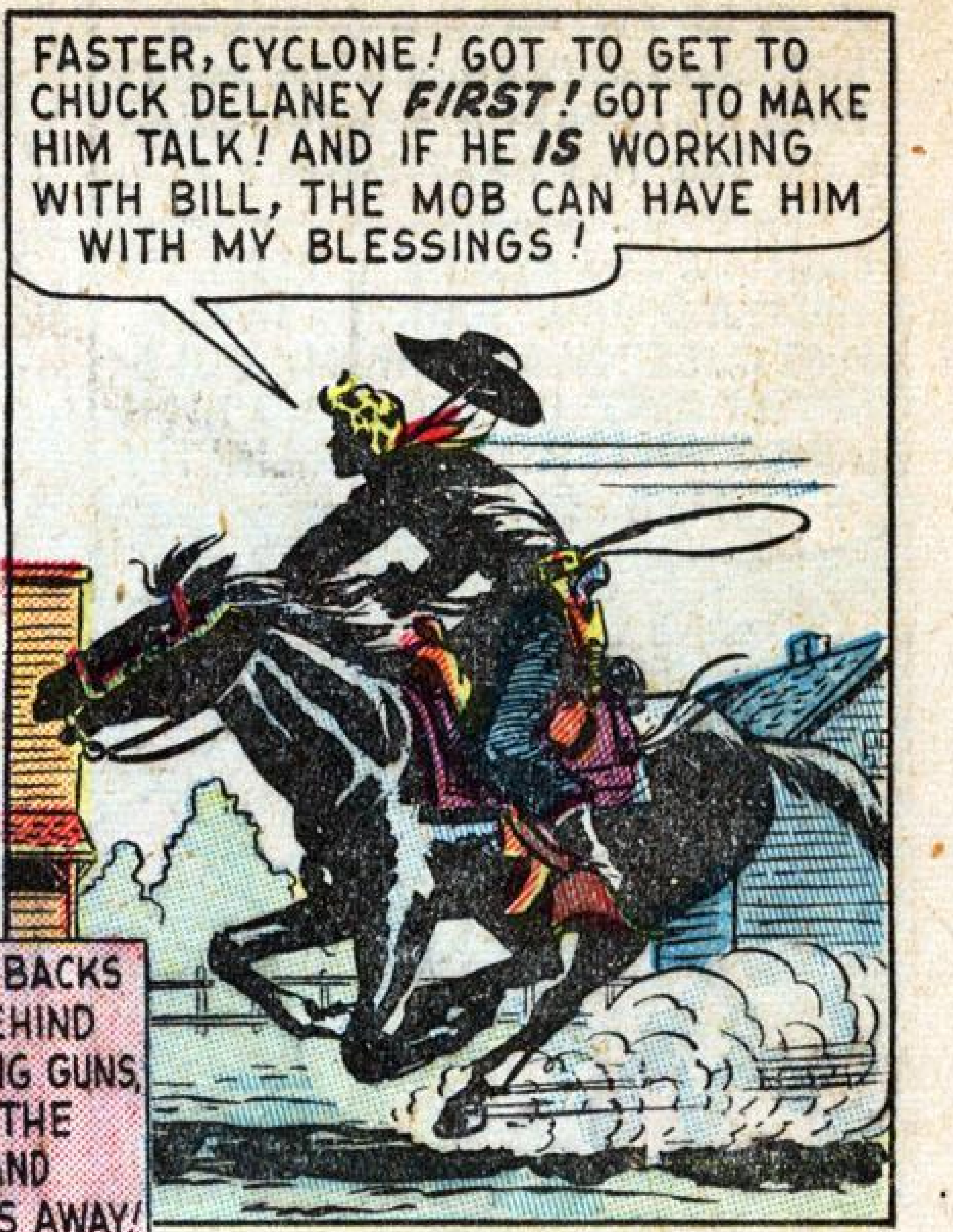
OUTSIDE THE JAILHOUSE...
GOT 'IM UNDER LOCK AND KEY WITH A COUPLE OF DEPUTIES ON GUARD!
RECKON I'LL STAY AROUND TOWN FOR A WHILE!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE I'M IN CAHOOTS WITH THAT VARMINT?
NO! BUT HIS GANG MAY TRY TO SPRING HIM!
AND I WANT TO BE AROUND... JUST IN CASE I'M NEEDED!
LATER, IN THE BIG BEND BARBERSHOP...
AS FOREMAN OF THE JURY, ED, AREN'T YOU AFRAID THAT MAYBE BARNES'LL GET OUT?
NAW! HE WAS JUST TALKIN'!
YOU'D BE FIRST ON HIS KILLIN' LIST, ED...
THE SHERIFF'S GOT HIM BEHIND BARS WHERE HE'LL STAY 'TIL...
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, JURY FOREMAN!
WITH THE STILLNESS OF A SNAKE, THE MAN SENTENCED TO DIE STANDS BEFORE THEM!
IT'S...IT'S...
YEAH, BILL BARNES...COME TO GET YA, LIKE I SAID!
DON'T SHOOT, BILL...AAAGGHHH!
SO LONG, FOREMAN! NOW EVERY FOOL IN BIG BEND WILL KNOW THAT SHERIFF DELANEY SET ME FREE!
BANG!
BANG!

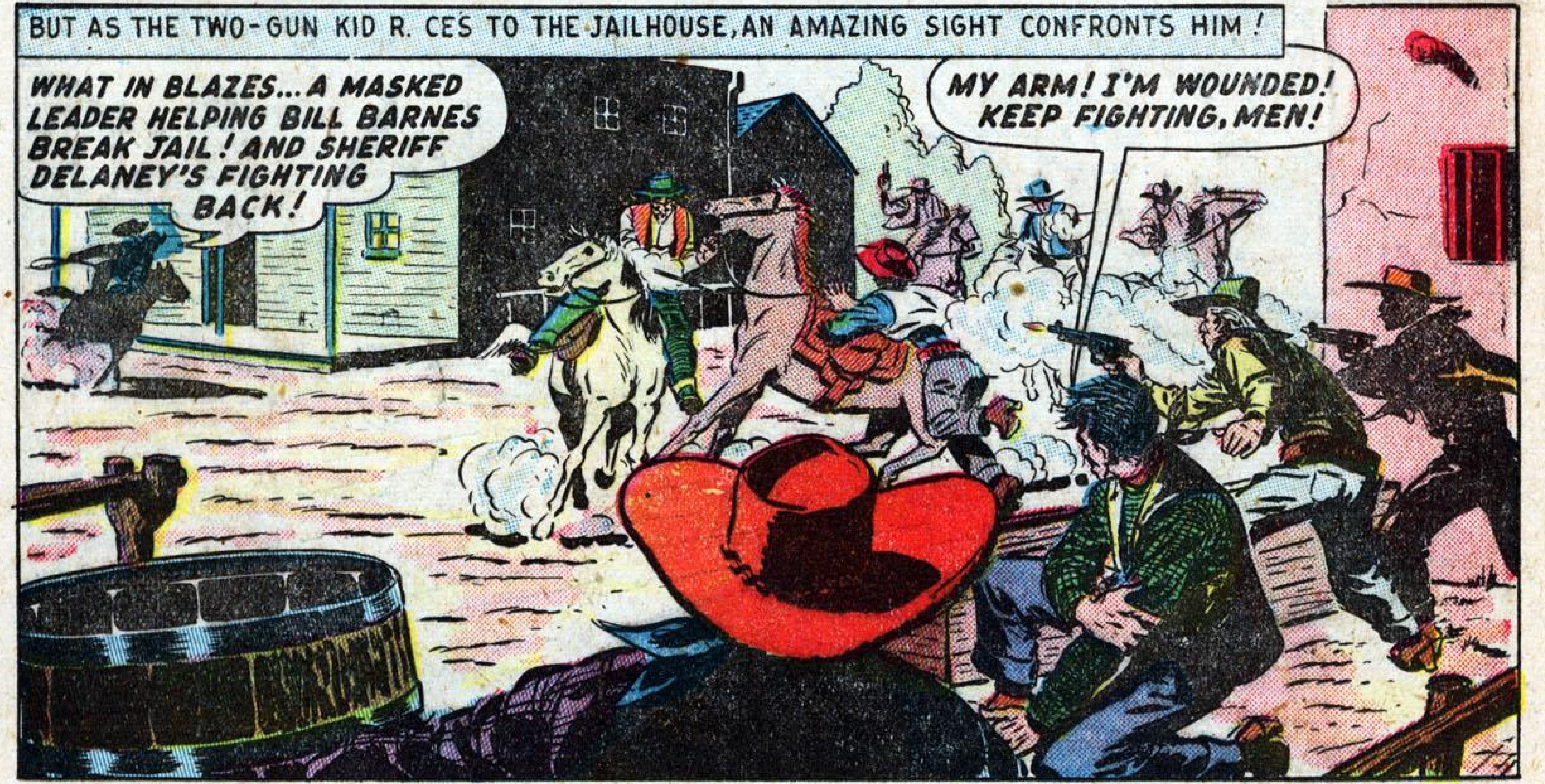
THE ANGRY BARK OF GUNFIRE SPEEDS THE TWO-GUN KID TO THE SCENE!
IT'S THE ROAR OF SIX-GUNS... AND UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, THIS MEANS TROUBLE! EEEYAH! LET'S GO, CYCLONE!
BILL BARNES KILLED THE JURY FOREMAN! I SAW HIM WITH MY OWN EYES! HE AND HIS GANG JUST GOT AWAY!
ARE YOU SURE?
HOP
BARBER SHOP
AFE
HE SAID SHERIFF DELANEY LET HIM OUT!
LET'S GET THE SHERIFF!
HOLD ON, MEN! THE SHERIFF'S NOT IN ON THIS! YOU HAVE MY WORD!
YOUR WORD? WHO'RE YOU, STRANGER?
THEY CALL ME TWO-GUN KID!
TWO-GUN KID!
WE'VE HEARD OF YOU, KID! WE'LL TRUST YOU!
CAFE
HOTEL
I'M GOING TO TALK TO SHERIFF DELANEY AND I AIM TO CLEAR THIS MYSTERY UP, GENTS!
BUT EVEN TWO-GUN KID IS PUZZLED AS HE LISTENS TO SHERIFF DELANEY EXPLAIN!
YOU HAVE T' BELIEVE ME! BILL BARNES NEVER LEFT THE JAIL! I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT!
SOMETHING'S MIGHTY FISHY! DOUBLE YOUR GUARD, CHUCK! I'M GOIN' INTO TOWN... TO WAIT FOR BILL!

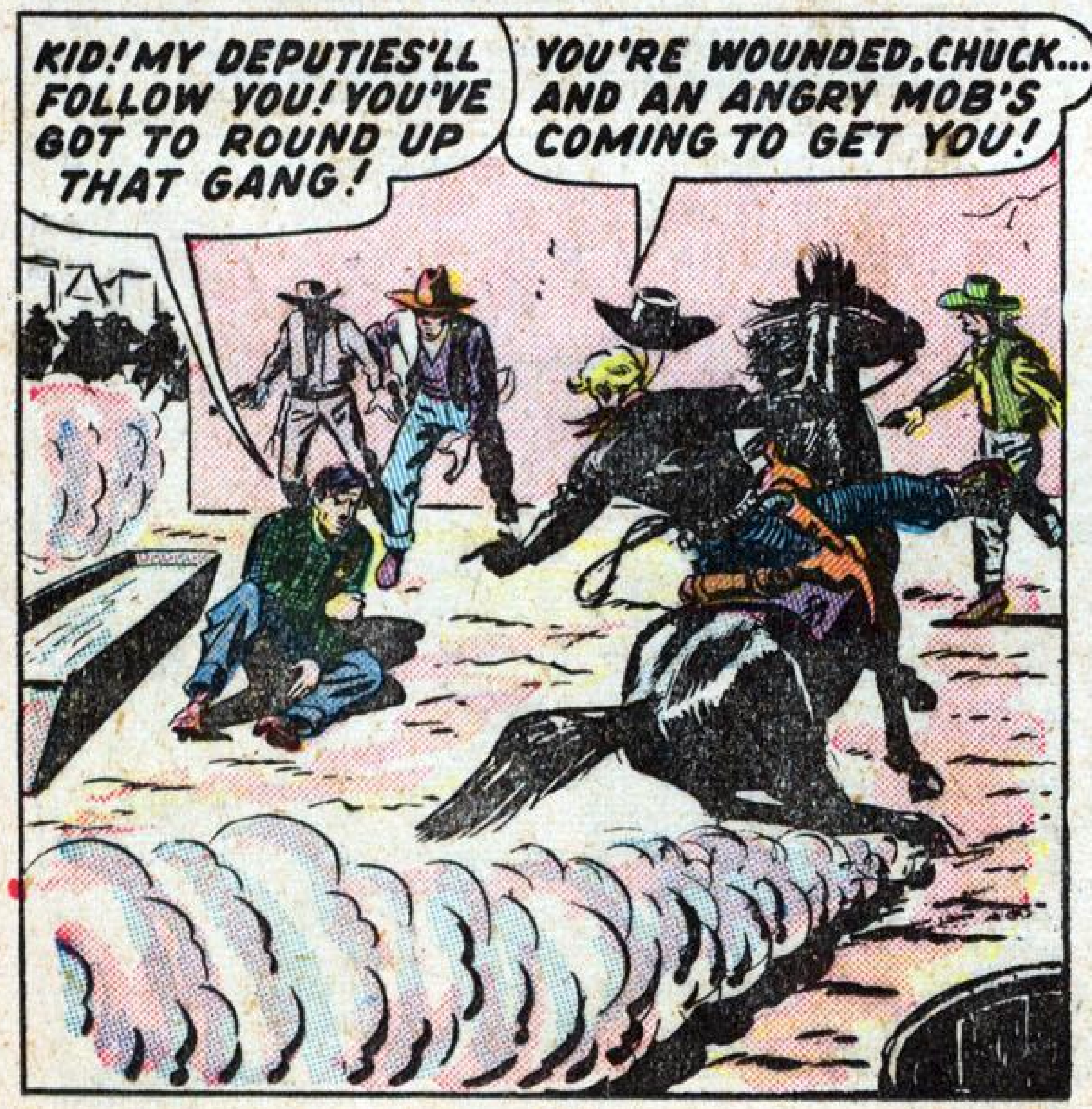
WORD OF THE KILLING SPREADS THROUGH BIG BEND, AND THE WHOLE TOWN WAITS WITH A BOILING ANGER FOR THE NEXT MOVE!
CAN'T SAY AS I **BLAME** YOU FER BLOWIN' TOWN, RUSTY... SEEIN' AS HOW **YOU'RE NEXT** ON THE **JURY**, FOLLOWIN' FOREMAN ED!
YEAH, I'M TAKIN' MY GOLD AND HIGH-TAILIN' IT!
FOLKS'RE SAYING THEY'RE GOIN' TO **GET THE SHERIFF** THE **NEXT** TIME!
YEAH, BUT THE **NEXT ON HIS LIST IS ME! AND I'M NOT WAITIN'!**
YOU **ARE** WAITIN', RUSTY! IT'S THE END FER YOU!
BILL!
BUT THIS TIME, THE MURDERER HAS NOT RECKONED ON A DAUNTLESS COWBOY!
DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE BUSTIN' JAIL, BILL, BUT AS SOON AS I FINISH THIS MILK, ***I AIM TO FIND OUT!***
PLEASE...SAVE ME! DRAW YOUR GUNS, KID!
I HEARD YOU WERE IN TOWN! ***STAY OUTTA THIS, KID!***
WITH THE SPEED OF AN ENRAGED PANTHER, A SIX-GUN APPEARS IN THE KID'S HAND, BLASTING THE GANG LEADER'S DEATH WEAPON!
OWW! MY ***GUN! BURN RUSTY,*** BOYS, AND ***HIT*** THE ***LEATHER!***
BANG!
BANG!
AS THE DESPERATE GANG RUSHES TO ESCAPE, ONE OF THEM TURNS AND SHOOTS!
YA GOT SHERIFF DELANEY TO THANK FOR THIS! HA! HA!
HELP! AHHGG... HE ***GOT ME!***

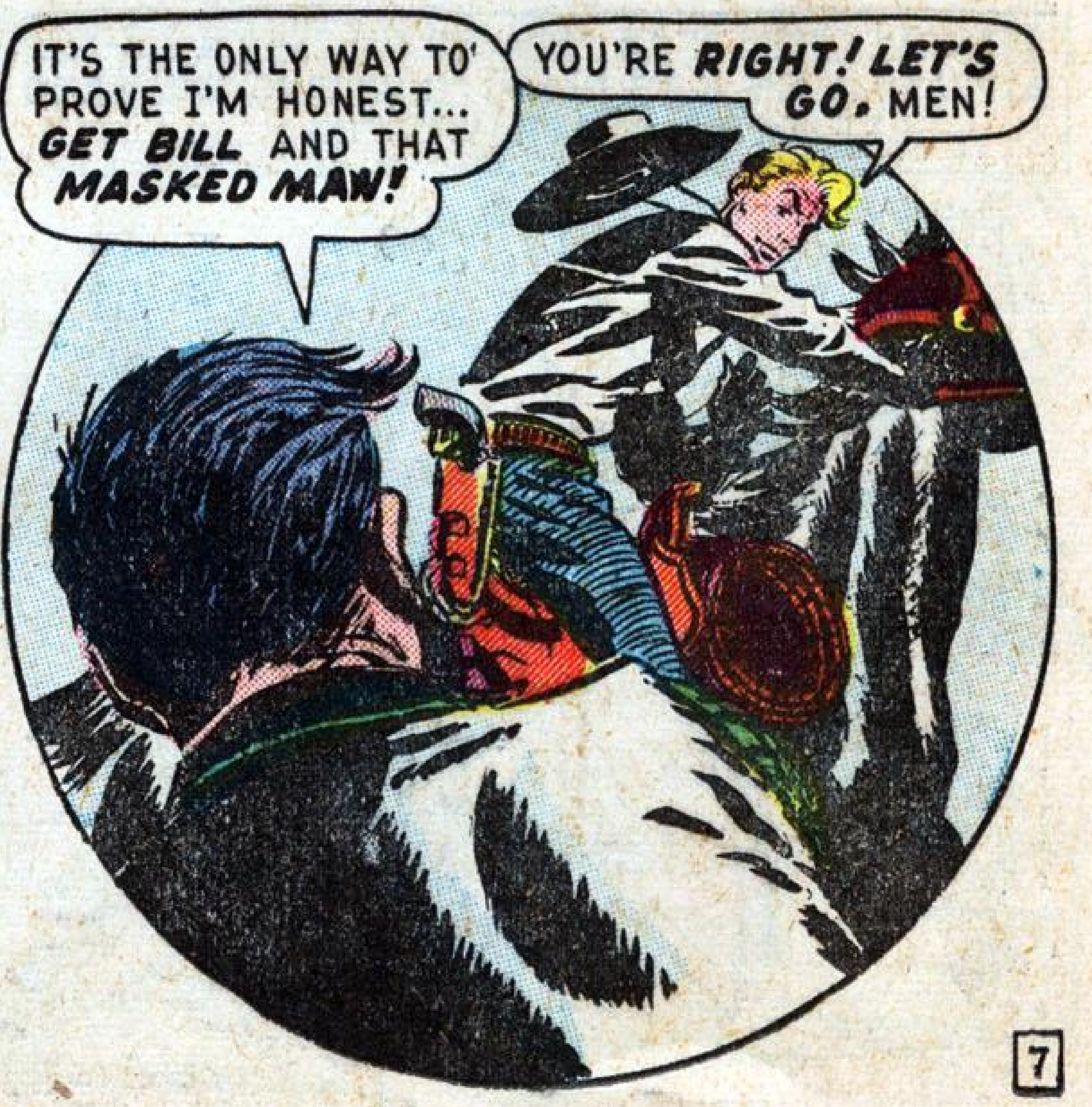

ANOTHER COLD-BLOODED MURDER, AND AGAIN THE NAME OF "SHERIFF DELANEY" IS SCREAMED AT THE VICTIM!
HE'S DEAD!
Y' HEARD THE GANG CALL THE SHERIFF'S NAME! LET'S GET 'IM!
THIS TIME NOBODY'S STOPPING US!


I DON'T SAVVY THIS, MEN! BUT I'M TALKING TO THE SHERIFF FIRST!
THE KID BACKS OUT BEHIND MENACING GUNS, HITS THE SADDLE AND SLAMS AWAY!


FASTER, CYCLONE! GOT TO GET TO CHUCK DELANEY FIRST! GOT TO MAKE HIM TALK! AND IF HE IS WORKING WITH BILL, THE MOB CAN HAVE HIM WITH MY BLESSINGS!


BUT AS THE TWO-GUN KID RACES TO THE JAILHOUSE, AN AMAZING SIGHT CONFRONTS HIM!
WHAT IN BLAZES... A MASKED LEADER HELPING BILL BARNES BREAK JAIL! AND SHERIFF DELANEY'S FIGHTING BACK!
MY ARM! I'M WOUNDED! KEEP FIGHTING, MEN!


KID! MY DEPUTIES'LL FOLLOW YOU! YOU'VE GOT TO ROUND UP THAT GANG!
YOU'RE WOUNDED, CHUCK... AND AN ANGRY MOB'S COMING TO GET YOU!


IT'S THE ONLY WAY TO' PROVE I'M HONEST... GET BILL AND THAT MASKED MAW!
YOU'RE RIGHT! LET'S GO, MEN!

THEY'RE HEADING FOR SKULLSPRING BLUFF!
I REMEMBER A *SHORTCUT!* WE'LL BUSHWHACK THEM!
IT'S *"SUICIDE LEAP!"*
IF YOU VALUE YOUR SHERIFF'S LIFE, YOU'LL *FOLLOW* ME, MEN!
IF THE KID CAN DO IT, SO CAN WE!
REALIZING THAT A FALSE JUMP MEANS CERTAIN DEATH, THE GALLANT POSSE, INSPIRED BY THE COURAGE OF THE TWO-GUN KID, FOLLOW ON!
THERE THEY ARE!
THE GAME'S UP, GENTS!
YI-EEE!
GOT TO HURRY YOU TWO BACK TO TOWN! NOW *GET!*
WEENG!
CRACK!
MINUTES LATER... A RESTLESS CROWD THIRSTS FOR A HANGING!
SERVES YOU RIGHT, *"SHERIFF"* DELANEY!
WHAT IN THUNDER...
STOP IN THE NAME OF *JUSTICE!*
BANG!
HE'S UNCOVERING THE MASKED MAN!
WHY... IT'S... HE'S *BILL'S TWIN!* I *TOLD* YOU BILL NEVER LEFT JAIL!
I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED BILL BARNES IN THE COURT-HOUSE! BUT IT WAS BILL'S *BROTHER* I HAD SEEN BACK IN KANSAS!
YOU SAVED MY *LIFE* AND MY *NAME,* KID! I'M MIGHTY THANKFUL!
THE WEST *NEEDS* HONEST MEN LIKE YOU, SHERIFF! WELL, SO LONG! *EEEYAH! LET'S GO, CYCLONE!*
THE END

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- ANNIE OAKLEY
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HI FRIENDS:

Lately there has been quite a debate about comics raging in the pages of the Saturday Review of Literature, one of America's most respected magazines. In an article, a Dr. Wertham discussed the problem of juvenile delinquency in America today, and pinned the blame for some of these cases on comic magazines, simply because many of the delinquent youngsters had read comics.

93% of all young people (from 8 to 16 years of age) read comics. Naturally a few young people get into some kind of trouble . . . so do a lot of older ones . . . and of course many of the kids who get into trouble do read comics. But what the article does not state is the fact that 93% of the boys and girls who get into *no trouble at all* also read comics.

Let us quote a letter from David Pace Wigransky, a 14 year old reader of comics, published in the July 24th issue of the Saturday Review:

"... In none of these cases was it proved that reading comic books was the cause of the delinquency. A good many of the delinquents mentioned happened to be readers of comic magazines, just as are 69,999,975 perfectly healthy, happy, normal American boys and girls, men and women, who also read comics.

"... It appears that his [Dr. Wertham's] $64 question to a child being psychoanalyzed is, 'Do you read COMIC BOOKS, my little man?' Of course the juvenile delinquent, *being a normal child in at least that way,* will answer 'Yes'."

In other words, the case is just as we stated it above. Since almost all kids of any kind read comics, naturally some of the delinquents read comics too. But since the same percentage holds true among the millions of youngsters who have committed *no offense at all,* why not give the comics credit for the good influence they have been on these millions of healthy, normal kids, instead of just blaming them for our handful of delinquents?

Once again let us remind you to show our magazines, or any of the other *good* comics, to people who criticize this form of entertainment. Show those people that your favorite magazines are not harmful. Let them see Dr. Thompson's endorsement on the first page of every one of our magazines, and prove to one and all that the comics you buy and read are *good for you.*

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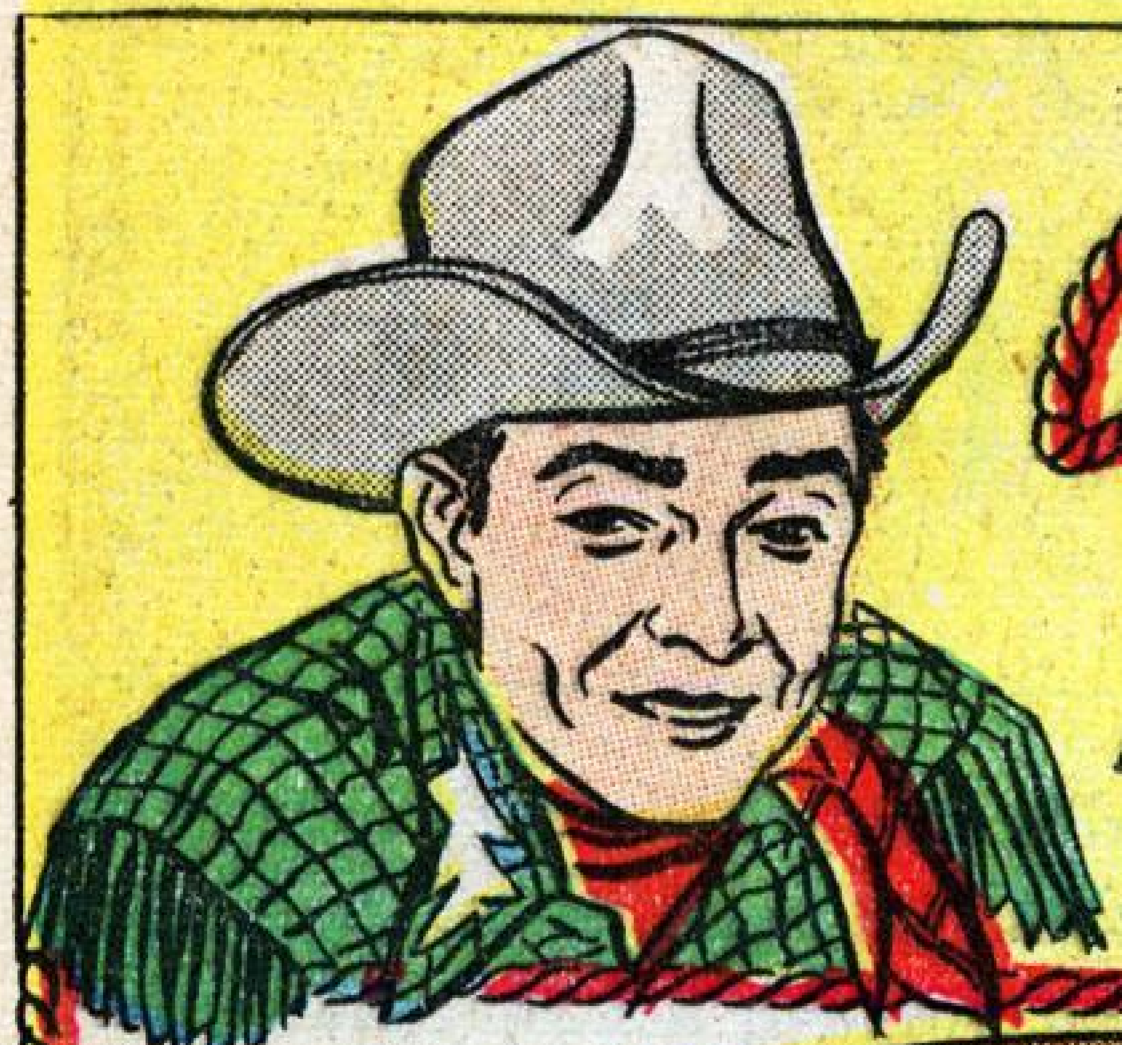

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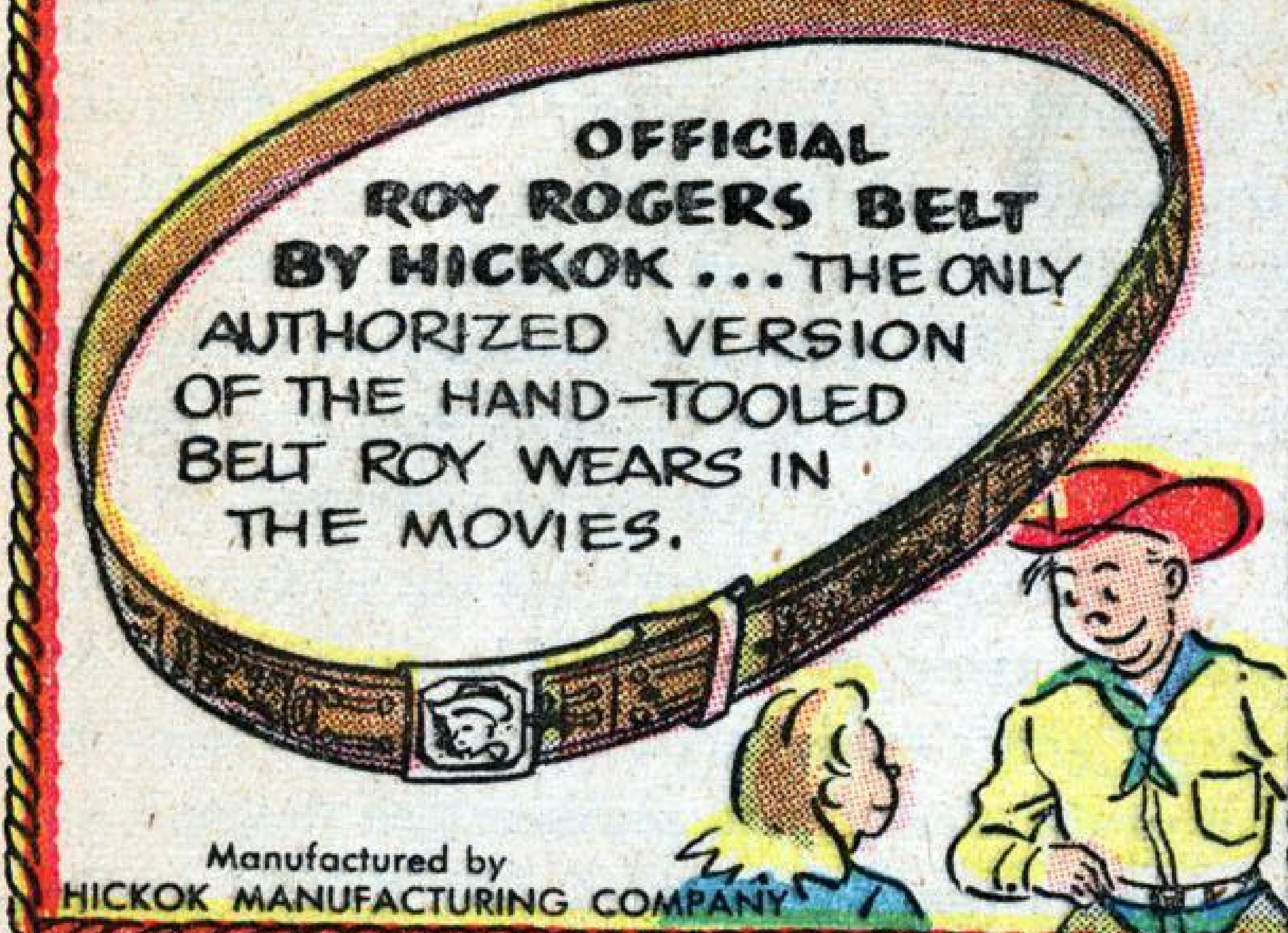

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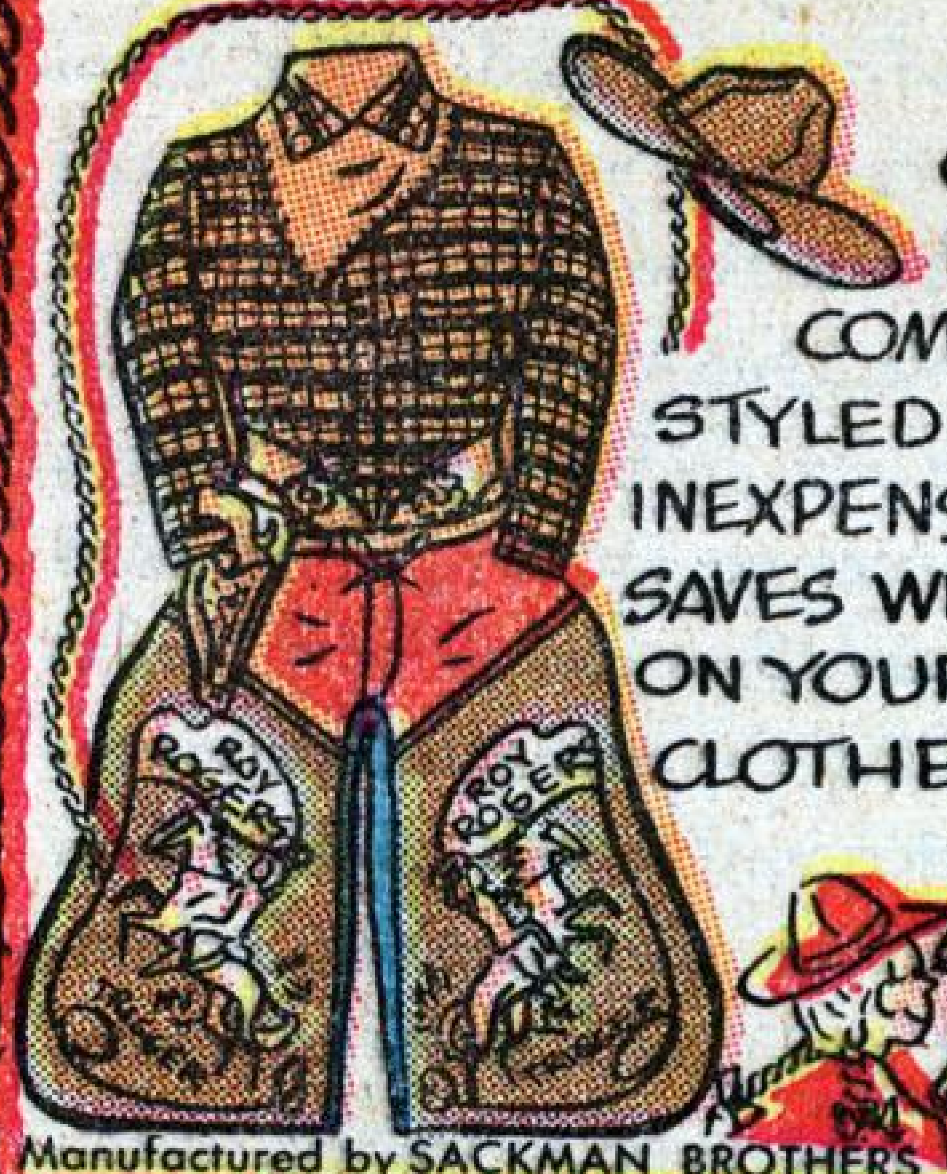

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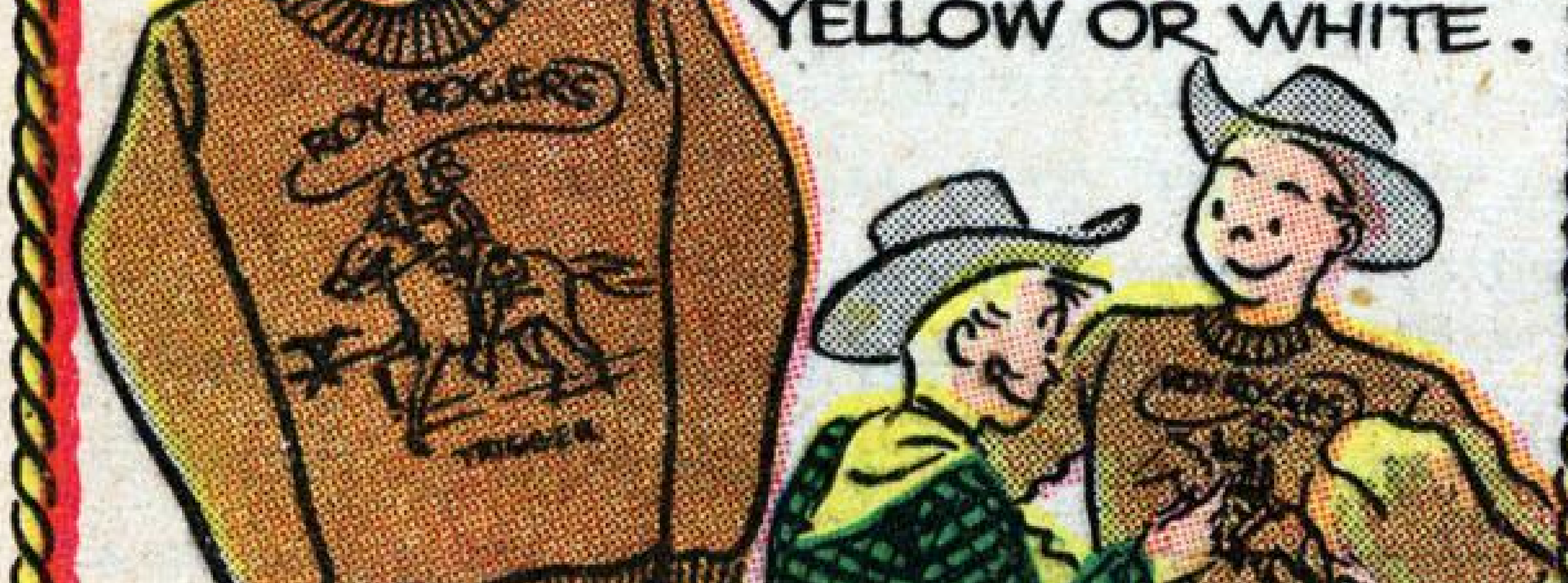

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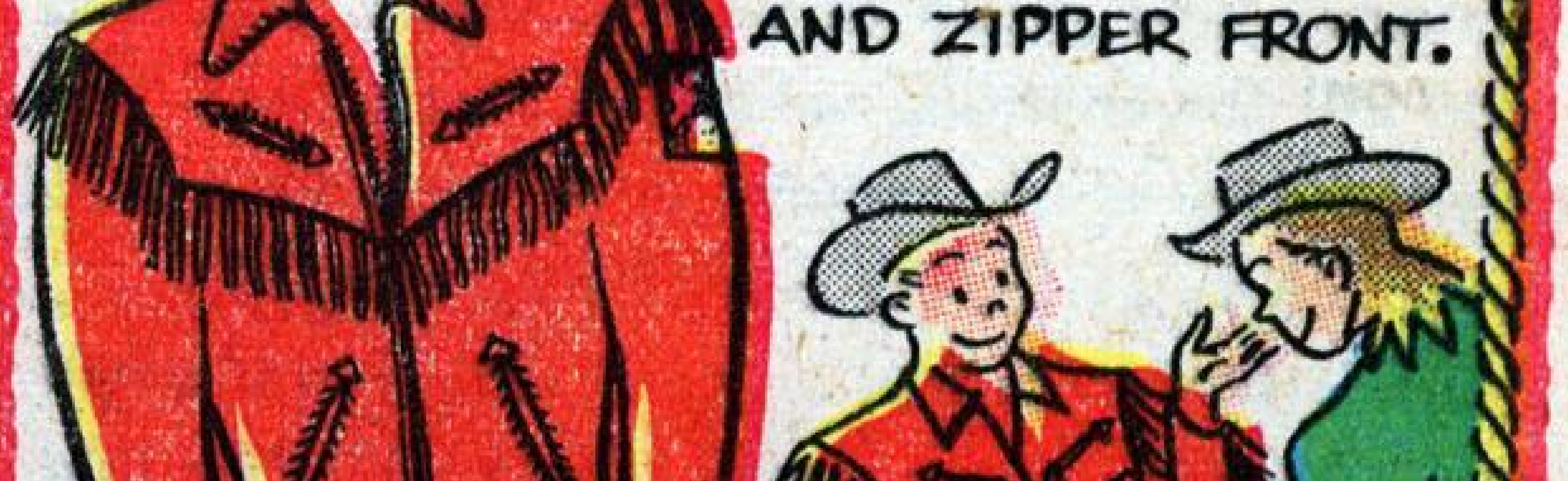

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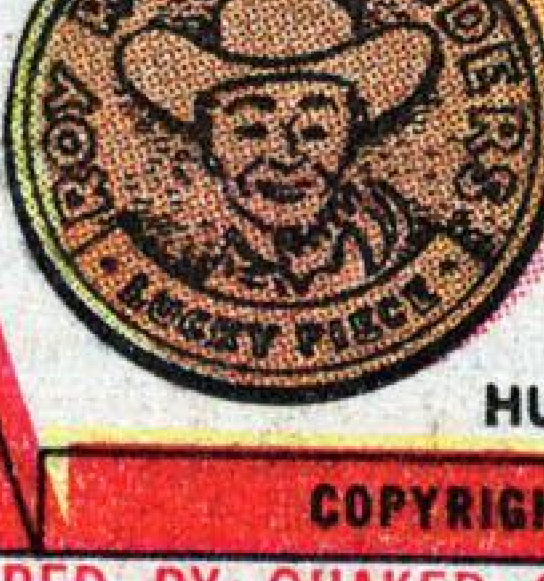

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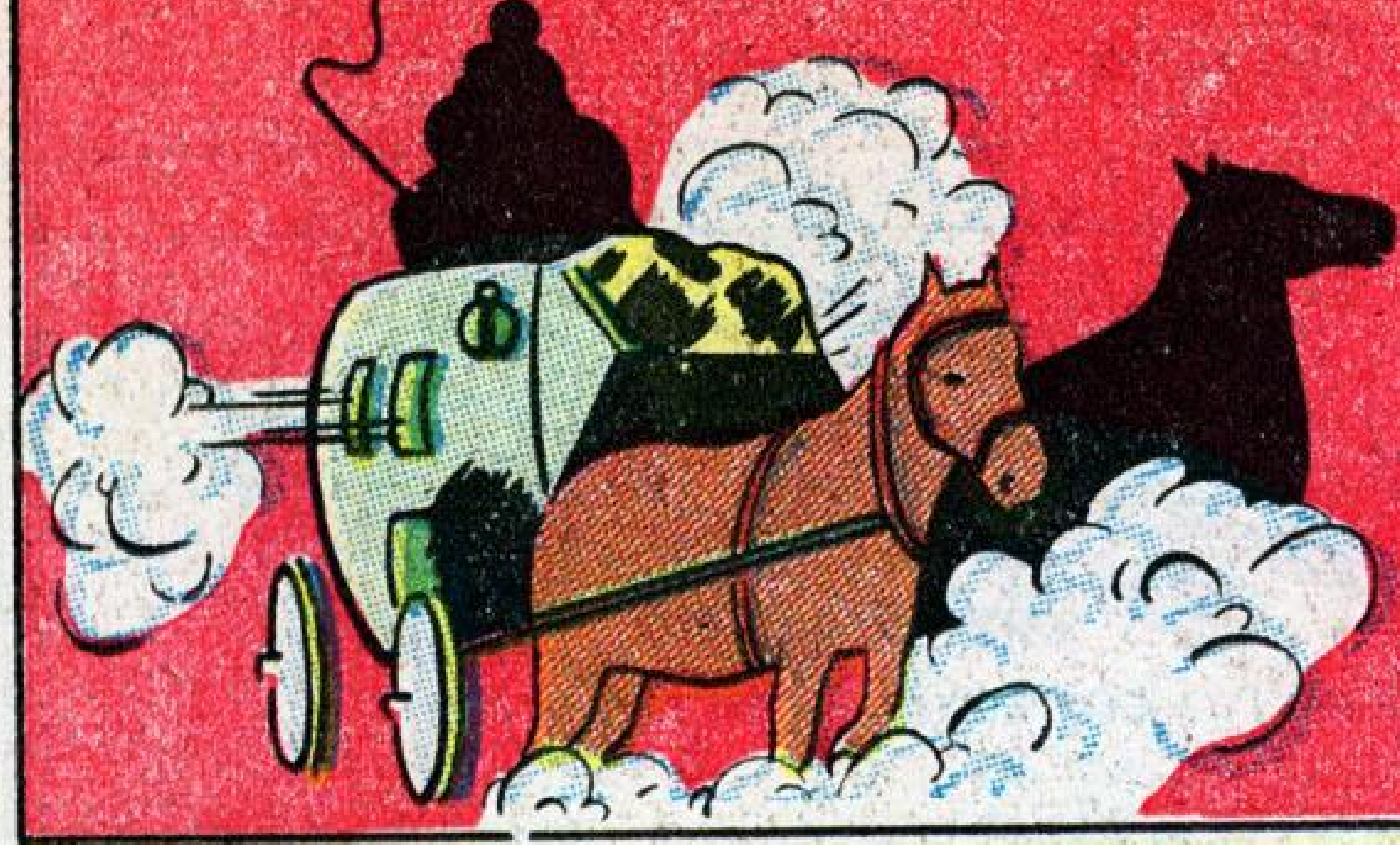

LAST RIDE

THE SHERIFF was strapping on his six guns when the deputy came in. He said, "The prisoners are ready, sheriff!"

Bill Hooker nodded. "Fine, Red, bring them around the front." His tone was calm, though inside him he felt the nervous excitement that always preceded trouble. Outside the combination office and jail a curious crowd had collected, waiting for the prisoners to appear. More than one face wore a harried expression. Sheriff Hooker saw his deputy leading the manacled prisoners to the waiting stagecoach and locked up his office. Outside, the four unshaven, mean-looking prisoners who had so recently robbed a series of banks, killing countless unarmed people, waited, seemingly unworried. On their faces were expressions of extreme contempt for the sheriff and his aides who had tracked them down a week ago and were bringing them to trial at the county seat.

They were part of the notorious Collins gang, a money mad group of outlaws that would fight and kill for anything valuable . . . and who had managed to elude capture until these four men were run to earth, the rest having escaped.

Andy Barlow picked his way through the crowd and came over to the sheriff. "Look, Bill," he told his friend, "we've been talking it over. Maybe you better take some of the boys along in case there's trouble."

The sheriff smiled grimly. "No, Andy, this is my job. I don't want to take any chances on anyone else getting hurt."

But Bill, you know the Collins gang isn't going to let you get through with these guys. It's two hundred miles from here to Bruxton City with a thousand places in between that are perfect spots for an ambush."

"I know."

"Then let us ride along as escort. You're going to need some extra gun hands when the Collins Gang attacks, and you can bet your boots they will!"

A small group had gathered around Andy and the sheriff, and behind them the four outlaws were taking everything in, smiling at what they knew would happen. For them it was a pleasant thought, for they knew that if they ever did go to trial, they were sure to be convicted.

The driver of the stage came out of the express office carrying a shotgun. He nodded to the sheriff and climbed aboard the stage. He called out to the clerk inside and two men dragged out the boxes that were labled BRUXTON CITY. The outlaws looked at each other and shrugged. As far as anyone could see, this was just a bit of optimism on the part of the sheriff, expecting baggage to get through too. When the baggage was loaded Red handed the sheriff four rifles and a box of ammunition. Once again people looked at each other. Andy said, "You going to handle all those guns at once, Bill?"

This time the sheriff smiled a little differently. "I won't have to, Andy." He let it go there. The prisoners were loaded into the stage and handcuffed to hooks in the side of the seats. Unexpectedly, the sheriff climbed in with them instead of riding beside the driver, gave the signal and the stage went off in a cloud of dust kicked up by the team. Back in front of the office the people shook their heads sadly. Bill Hooker had been a good sheriff, honest and fearless, but now he had stuck his neck out too far. Someone remarked, "Might as well hold an election now, I guess. We'll never see old Bill again."

Andy shook his head. "I don't know about that. I've known Bill a long time, and if I can read

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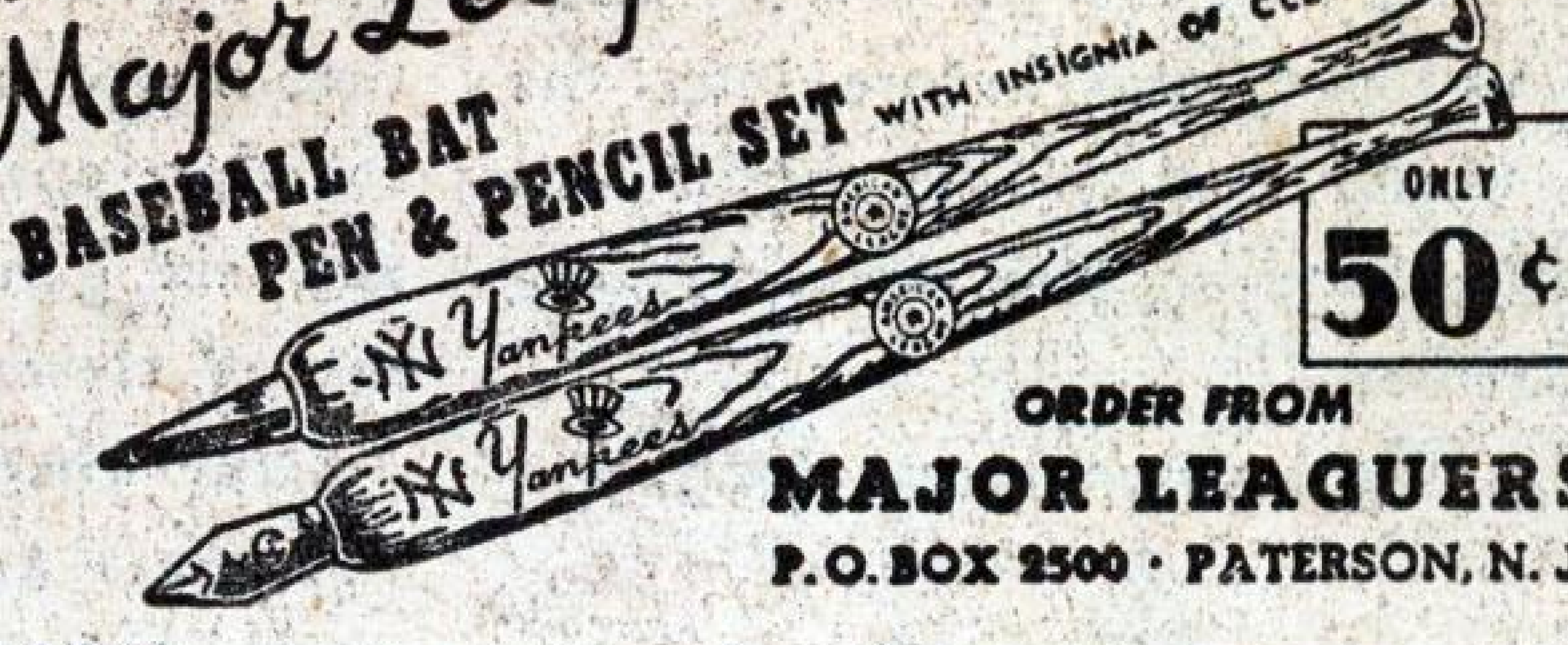

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signs, he's got something up his sleeve!"

In the stagecoach outside of town, the four outlaws were beginning to think the same thing too. Their faces were scowling, and they looked at each other, knowing that every move the stage made would be watched, and before long the expected rescue would come. The sheriff was sitting back calmly, fondling the rifles, loading shells into the chambers.

Then he spoke. "It'll come soon, don't you think?"

One of the outlaws bared his teeth in a grimace. "You're not kidding. And when it does don't expect to walk away from here. This is your last ride!"

"Maybe not," the sheriff told him. "Did you see those boxes we loaded on?" There was a sudden silence. The sheriff went on, "Those boxes are carrying gold. Fifty thousand dollars worth. You know what that means?"

The men leaned forward tensely, half knowing what the answer would be. "What?" The question was sharp, worried.

"I let the word leak out that we were carrying a pay load, mister. You think your friends will be after that gold . . . or you?"

"They'll get us out of this. They won't let you get through with that dough!" The outlaw's voice was shrill. "You just made it all the more important for them to come after us!"

"That so?" The sheriff gave them a long stare. "They won't be wanting to split with you guys on a deal like that. The more of you out of the way, the more they get. So when they come after us, they'll be shooting at you as well as me. See what I mean?"

They saw all right. It was written plainly on their faces. "What . . what are you going to do . . . you have to protect us! We'll be shot down in cold blood!"

For an answer, the sheriff handed out the rifles with one hand, while he cradled his six shooter in the other. "Take one," he said, "It's your party from now on. The way those handcuffs are made, you have enough play in them to shoot out the windows, but not swing around toward me. Just remember, I have a gun here too! If you want to stand trial, then pick your targets carefully." He nodded toward a hillside. "And do it now, because here they come."

There was a sudden grab for the guns as the horde of bandits came streaking down the hill toward the coach. The driver yelled to the horses and urged them to greater speed. It was evident that a rescue wasn't what the outlaws were after, for they opened fire on the stage at once. Rifles and six guns spat leaden death as the horses moved closer to the coach.

Only when the bandits were well within range was there an answering burst of fire from the stage. A hail of slugs knocked men from their horses as the prisoners in the stage fought for their life. They levered shells into the rifles as the sheriff handed them ammunition, screaming with fury as their erstwhile companions tried to pick them off.

The sheriff did nothing but watch, keeping an eye on his prisoners and one on the outlaws behind them. A withering stream of fire poured from the stage time after time with unerring accuracy, until the ranks of the mounted outlaws had thinned considerably. They couldn't understand it, for never before had a stage been armed with so many sharpshooters.

Buster Collins himself was in the lead, with his kill-crazy brother riding directly behind him. They fanned out and tried to encircle the coach, but the rifle fire picked them off. Buster spurred his horse and crept up on the stage, then a bullet caught him squarely in the chest and he went down screaming. His brother took over, drawing the men in around him, pumping shot after shot at the coach. But their aim wasn't nearly as good as the return fire.

There was but a handful of them left when they decided to call it quits and take to the hills. Inside the stage the sheriff collected the guns and stacked them in a corner. His prisoners were shaken and disgusted at the whole thing, but Bill Hooker was in fine spirits. When he got back home he'd round up a posse and collect the rest of the outlaws . . . and this time there wouldn't be any attempted rescue. He grinned at his sweating cargo. "You guys make fine deputies," he said.

They gave him a sorry look. "Aw, shut up," one said.

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At this writing Uncle Sam's stamp-issuing program for 1948 called for a total of thirty postal items, all but one of which have been mentioned in these columns. There were published reports that the Post Office Department was considering adding two – one honoring the late General Pershing, the other in memory of the late baseball hero "Babe" Ruth, but no official word that such stamps would appear had come from Washington as these lines were being prepared.

A surprise stamp, its printing directed by President Truman, is a 3c purple honoring Harlan Fiske Stone (1872-1946), who was Chief Justice of the United States at the time of his death. This memorial bearing his portrait, received first-day sale on Aug. 25 at his birthplace, Chesterfield, N. H.

A likeness of Clara Barton (1830-1912), first president of the American Red Cross, and a crimson cross form the design of a 3c red released on Sept. 7 at Oxford, Mass., her birthplace. A male Light Brahma fowl and an egg are pictured on a 3c which received first-day sale at New Haven, Conn., on Sept. 9, to mark the centennial of the American poultry industry. The promised Gold Star Mothers memorial item, a 3c yellow-gold, went on sale at Washington on Sept. 21, the design being a star superimposed on a palm branch. And the 3c marking the centennial of the establishing of Fort Kearny was issued on Sept. 22 at Minden, Neb., the design being a sculptured group of pioneers on the Nebraska State Capitol, with a partial view of Fort Kearny below.

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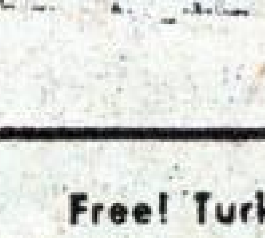

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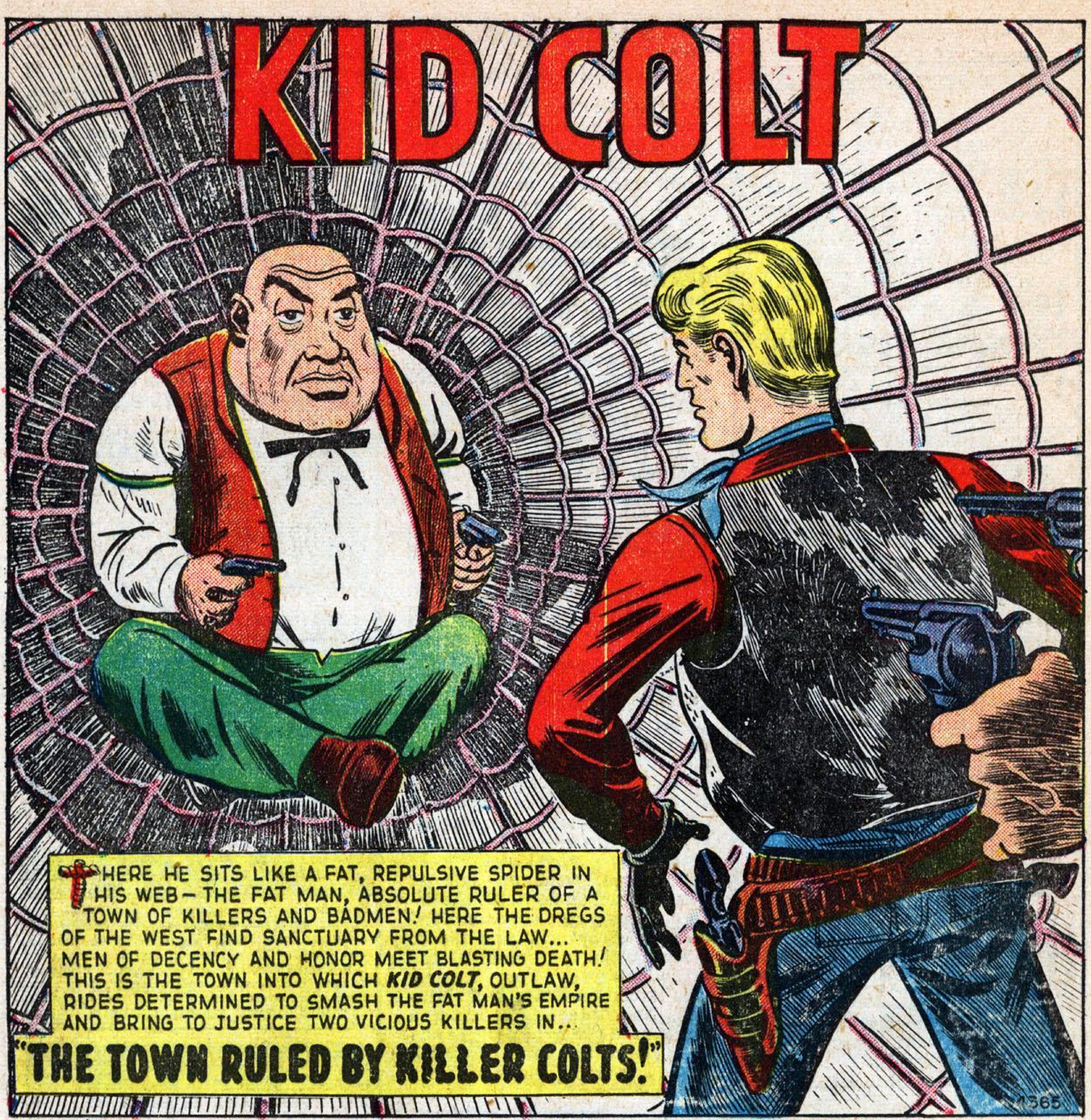
KID COLT
THERE HE SITS LIKE A FAT, REPULSIVE SPIDER IN HIS WEB—THE FAT MAN, ABSOLUTE RULER OF A TOWN OF KILLERS AND BADMEN! HERE THE DREGS OF THE WEST FIND SANCTUARY FROM THE LAW... MEN OF DECENCY AND HONOR MEET BLASTING DEATH! THIS IS THE TOWN INTO WHICH KID COLT, OUTLAW, RIDES DETERMINED TO SMASH THE FAT MAN'S EMPIRE AND BRING TO JUSTICE TWO VICIOUS KILLERS IN...
"THE TOWN RULED BY KILLER COLTS!"
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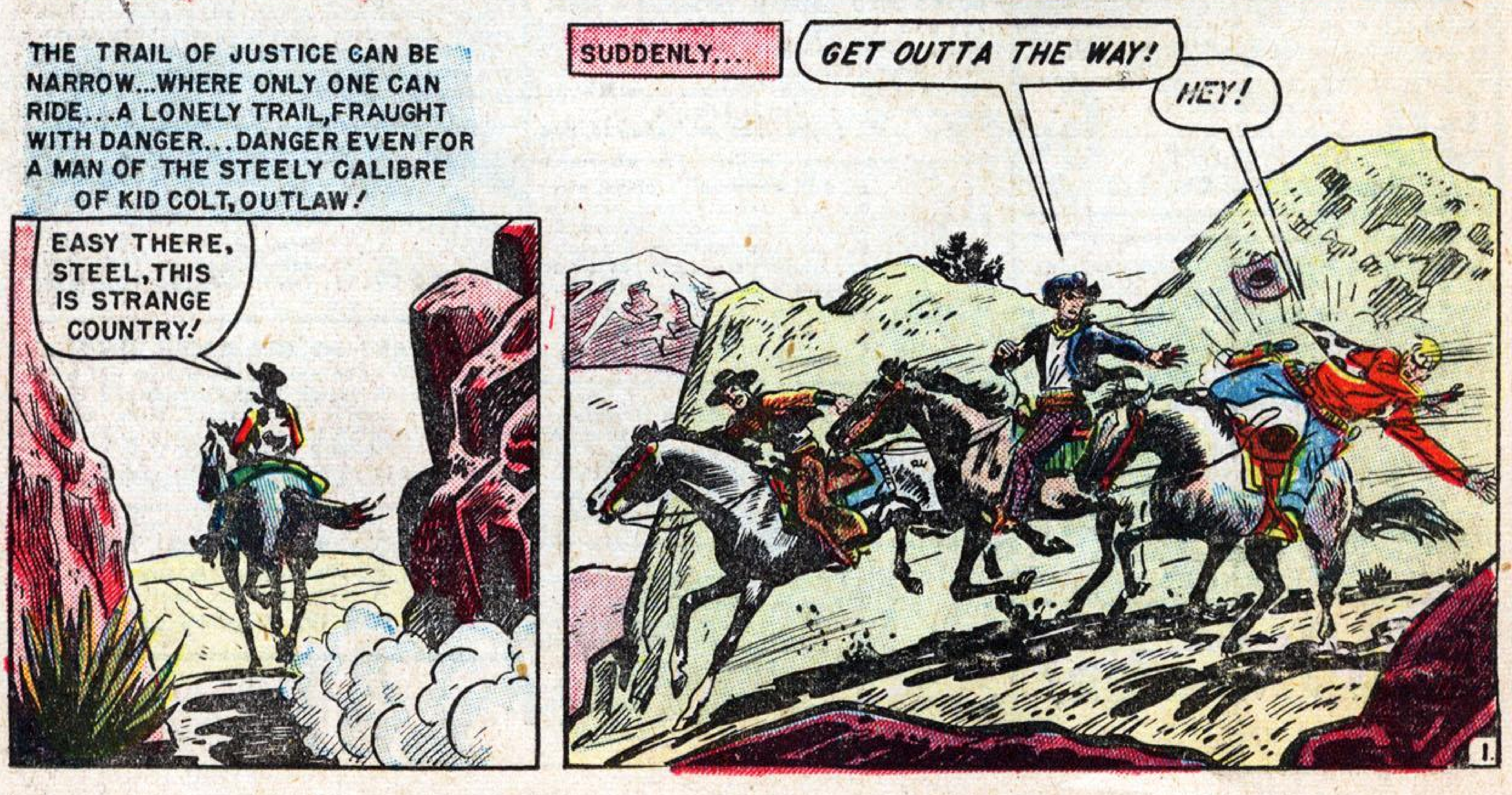
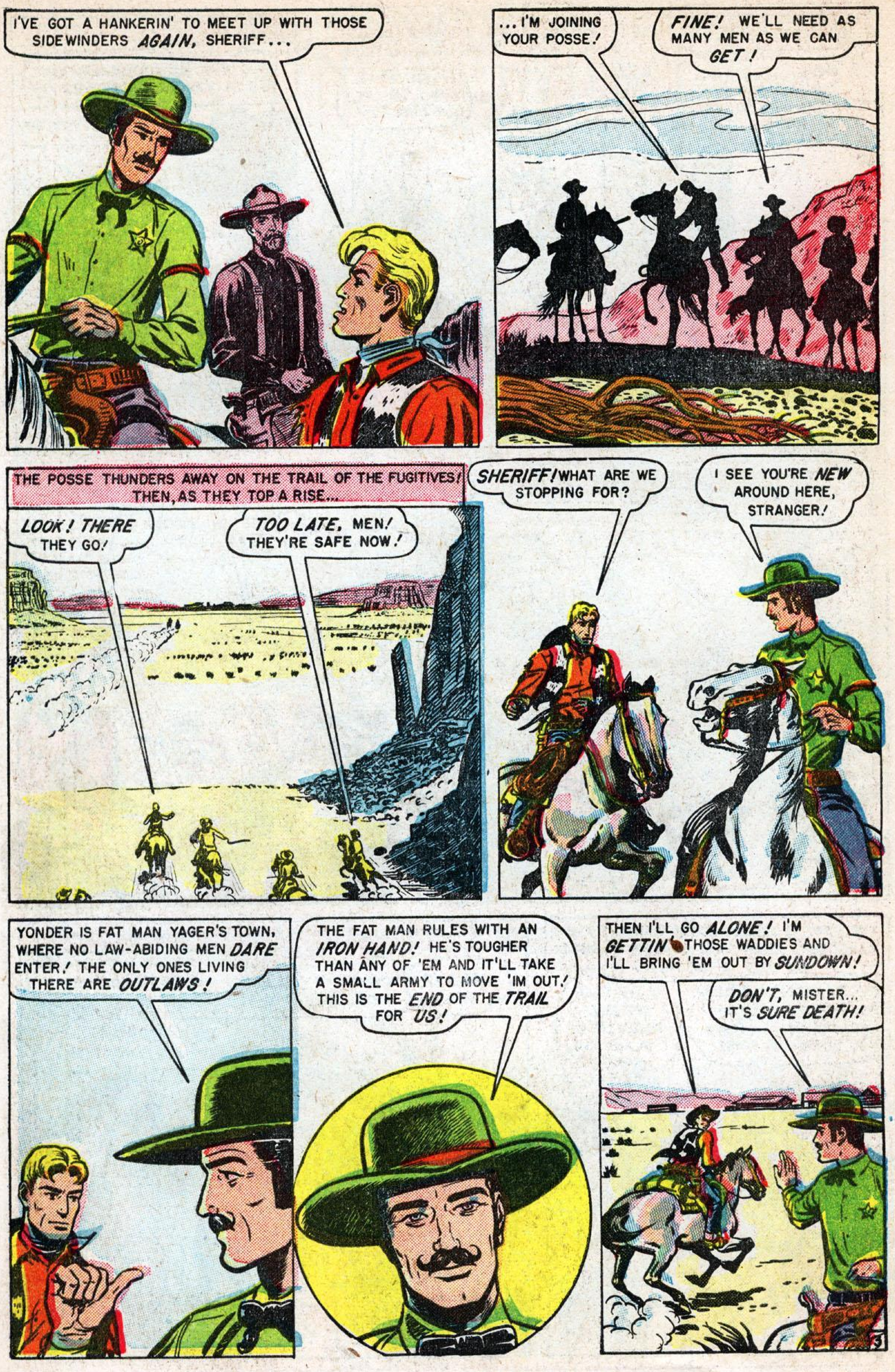

THE TRAIL OF JUSTICE CAN BE NARROW...WHERE ONLY ONE CAN RIDE...A LONELY TRAIL, FRAUGHT WITH DANGER...DANGER EVEN FOR A MAN OF THE STEELY CALIBRE OF KID COLT, OUTLAW!
EASY THERE, STEEL, THIS IS STRANGE COUNTRY!
SUDDENLY...
GET OUTTA THE WAY!
HEY!
1.

WHY YOU LOW-DOWN BUSHWHACKERS! I'LL...
WHAT'S THAT YA SAY, COWBOY ?
REACH FOR YOUR IRON, MISTER! I'LL TEACH YOU NOT TO CROWD ME!
SUDDENLY, FROM BEHIND, A RIATA SNAKES OUT...
GOOD TOSS, PETE! THE STRANGER WAS GETTIN' UNRULY! HAW!
WHY YOU LOWDOWN COYOTES!
HE NEEDS A LITTLE LESSON IN MANNERS, PETE! GIVE IT TO 'IM! DRAG 'IM TILL HE'S WORN DOWN TO SIZE!
OW...YOU...
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ONE DAY, CHUCK! WE HAVEN'T GOT TIME TO FOOL WITH 'IM!
YEAH!
THE ROPE IS JERKED LOOSE AND THE TWO HARDCASES SLAM AWAY LEAVING A GROGGY KID COLT IN THE TRAIL!
WE'LL MEET AGAIN, YOU POLECATS! AN' WHEN WE DO, I'LL BURN YOU DOWN FOR THIS!
IF WE EVER SEE YOU AGAIN WE'LL PLANT YA... NOT DRAG YA! LET'S GO!
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, HOOFS BEAT OUT AND A POSSE ROUNDS THE BEND!
HOLD IT, MEN!
LOOKS LIKE YOU MET UP WITH FAT MAN YAGER'S BOYS! THEY JUST ROBBED THE BANK!
SO THAT'S WHO THE BUZZARDS WERE!


I'VE GOT A HANKERIN' TO MEET UP WITH THOSE SIDEWINDERS *AGAIN*, SHERIFF...
...I'M JOINING YOUR POSSE!
FINE! WE'LL NEED AS MANY MEN AS WE CAN *GET!*
THE POSSE THUNDERS AWAY ON THE TRAIL OF THE FUGITIVES! THEN, AS THEY TOP A RISE...
LOOK! THERE THEY GO!
TOO LATE, MEN! THEY'RE SAFE NOW!
SHERIFF! WHAT ARE WE STOPPING FOR?
I SEE YOU'RE *NEW* AROUND HERE, STRANGER!
YONDER IS FAT MAN YAGER'S TOWN, WHERE NO LAW-ABIDING MEN *DARE* ENTER! THE ONLY ONES LIVING THERE ARE *OUTLAWS!*
THE FAT MAN RULES WITH AN *IRON HAND!* HE'S TOUGHER THAN ANY OF 'EM AND IT'LL TAKE A SMALL ARMY TO MOVE 'IM OUT! THIS IS THE *END* OF THE *TRAIL* FOR *US!*
THEN I'LL GO *ALONE!* I'M *GETTIN'* THOSE WADDIES AND I'LL BRING 'EM OUT BY *SUNDOWN!*
DON'T, MISTER... IT'S *SURE DEATH!*
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TOO BAD! HE SEEMED TO BE A NICE FELLER!
WELL, WE'LL STICK AROUND AWHILE! MAYBE HE'S BETTER'N *WE* ARE!
KID COLT TROTS INTO THE FORBIDDEN CITY, WITH TROUBLE RIDING HIS SHOULDERS!
WHERE DO YA THINK YOU'RE GOIN', BABY FACE?
WHEREVER I'VE A *MIND* TO, YOU UGLY MAVERICK!
WHO YA CALLIN'..?
NOW YOU'RE SPEAKIN' *MY* LANGUAGE, MISTER!
HIS ANGER LIKE A WHITE FLAME, KID COLT BLASTS INTO WELCOME ACTION!
GET THAT GUN-SLINGIN' CRITTER!
INTO 'EM, STEEL!
THEN, FROM A SECOND STORY WINDOW, A VOICE BOOMS OUT...
STOP, YOU IDIOTS! THAT'S *KID COLT!*
WHAT? AND ME SHOOTIN' IT *OUT* WITH 'IM! *SORRY,* KID, I DIDN'T KNOW!
I LIKE YOUR STYLE, KID! COME ON UP FOR A POW-WOW!
GLAD TO, YAGER!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
QUITE A LAYOUT, YAGER!
AN *IMPREGNABLE* ONE! I'M KING HERE AND *NO MAN* OR *GUN* CAN *TOUCH* ME... NOT EVEN *YOU!* WHAT'RE *YOU* DOIN' IN *MY TOWN?*
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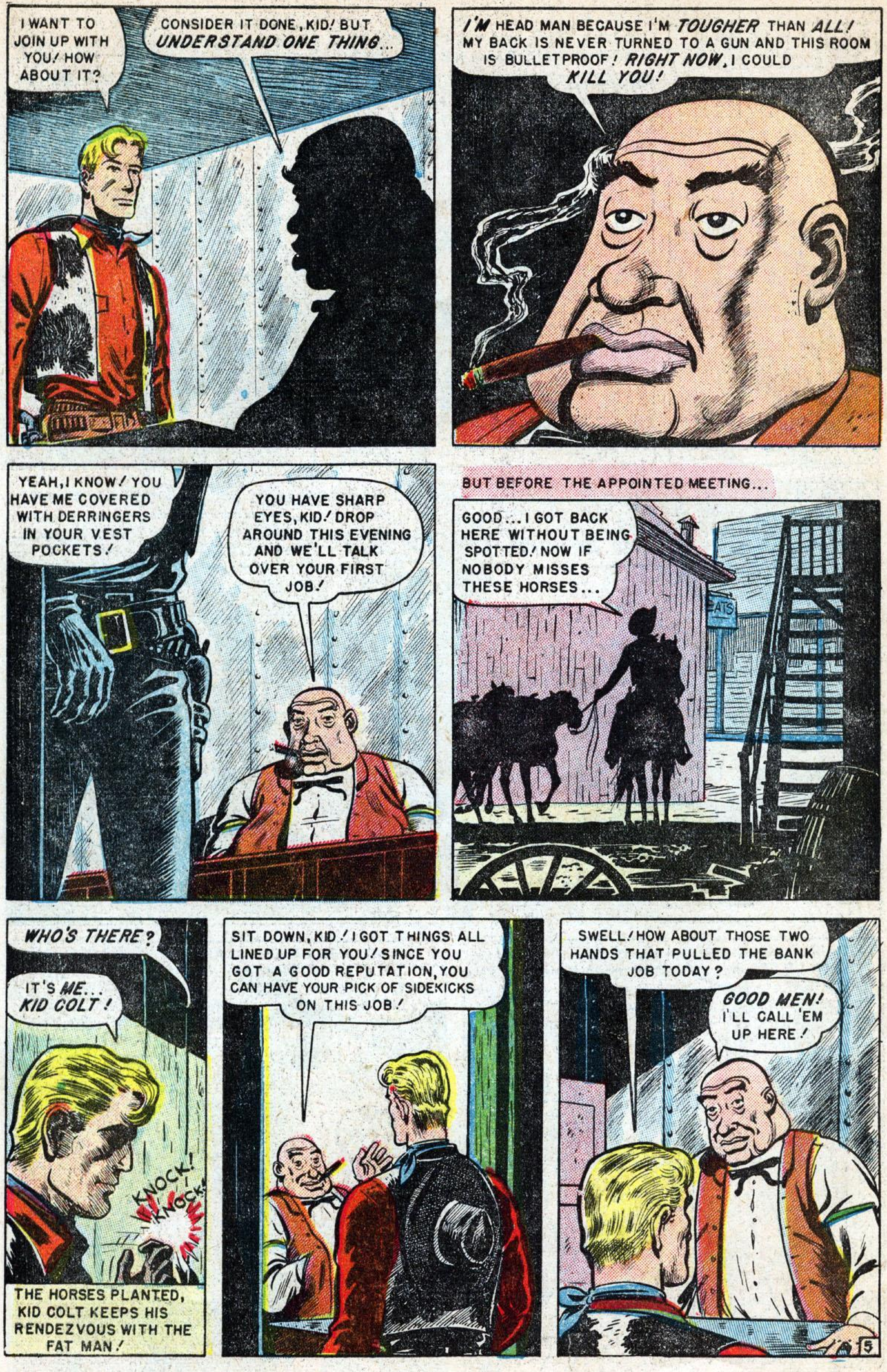
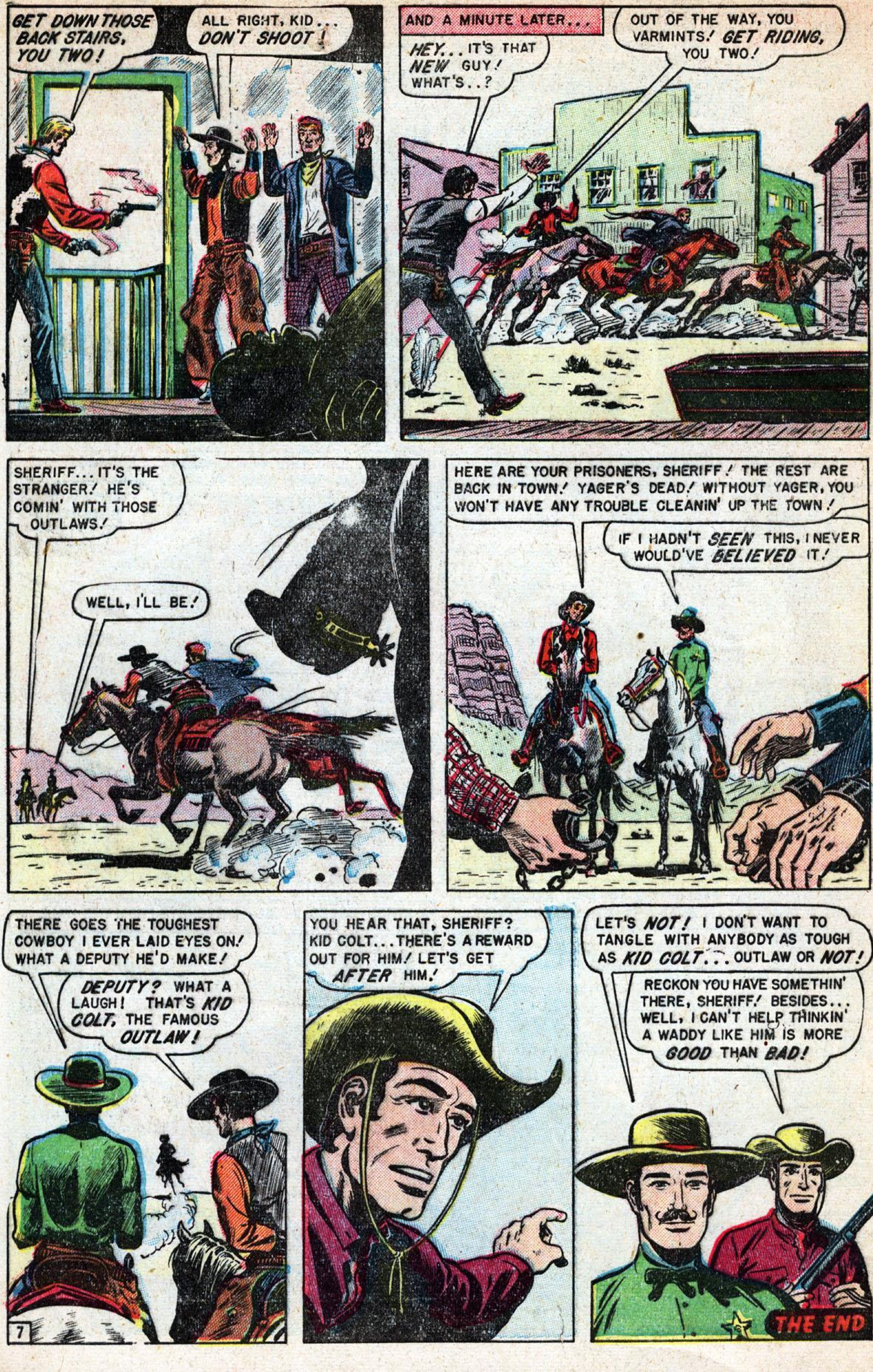

I WANT TO JOIN UP WITH YOU! HOW ABOUT IT?
CONSIDER IT DONE, KID! BUT *UNDERSTAND ONE THING*...
I'M HEAD MAN BECAUSE I'M *TOUGHER* THAN *ALL*! MY BACK IS NEVER TURNED TO A GUN AND THIS ROOM IS BULLETPROOF! *RIGHT NOW*, I COULD *KILL YOU*!
YEAH, I KNOW! YOU HAVE ME COVERED WITH DERRINGERS IN YOUR VEST POCKETS!
YOU HAVE SHARP EYES, KID! DROP AROUND THIS EVENING AND WE'LL TALK OVER YOUR FIRST JOB!
BUT BEFORE THE APPOINTED MEETING...
GOOD... I GOT BACK HERE WITHOUT BEING SPOTTED! NOW IF NOBODY MISSES THESE HORSES...
EATS
WHO'S THERE?
IT'S *ME*... *KID COLT*!
KNOCK! KNOCK!
THE HORSES PLANTED, KID COLT KEEPS HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH THE FAT MAN!
SIT DOWN, KID! I GOT THINGS ALL LINED UP FOR YOU! SINCE YOU GOT A GOOD REPUTATION, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR PICK OF SIDEKICKS ON THIS JOB!
SWELL! HOW ABOUT THOSE TWO HANDS THAT PULLED THE BANK JOB TODAY?
GOOD MEN! I'LL CALL 'EM UP HERE!

THEN...
BOYS, THIS IS KID COLT! HE'S TAKIN' YOU OUT TO...
HIM! HE'S THE DRIFTER WE SLAPPED AROUND TODAY! HE'S *AFTER* US!
REMEMBER WHAT I PROMISED YOU POLECATS... *SLAP LEATHER!*
TAKE 'IM! THERE'S *TWO OF US!*
THERE'S TWO OF *ME, TOO... ONE IN EACH HAND!*
BANG!
YEOW!!
BANG!
SWIFTER THAN THE EYE CAN FOLLOW, KID COLT DRAWS AND SHOOTS!
THEN, AS KID COLT SPINS ON THE FAT MAN...
SO YA DIDN'T COME HERE TO JOIN UP! I WARNED YA... YOU'LL *NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!*
WHAT THE...
HA! HA! I SAID THIS PLACE WAS BULLETPROOF! THE DESK TOP'S STEEL PLATED!
GOTTA THINK FAST!
BAM!
UNDER THE DEADLY FIRE OF THE FAT MAN, KID COLT TAKES A CHANCE... A ONE-IN-A-MILLION LONG SHOT...
MAYBE YOU MADE A *MISTAKE* HAVING STEEL WALLS, FAT MAN!
BAM!
BAM!
A STEEL-NOSED BULLET RICOCHETS FROM THE WALL AND...
BONG!
BONG!
UGH!


GET DOWN THOSE BACK STAIRS, YOU TWO!
ALL RIGHT, KID... DON'T SHOOT!
AND A MINUTE LATER...
HEY... IT'S THAT NEW GUY! WHAT'S..?
OUT OF THE WAY, YOU VARMINTS! GET RIDING, YOU TWO!
SHERIFF... IT'S THE STRANGER! HE'S COMIN' WITH THOSE OUTLAWS!
WELL, I'LL BE!
HERE ARE YOUR PRISONERS, SHERIFF! THE REST ARE BACK IN TOWN! YAGER'S DEAD! WITHOUT YAGER, YOU WON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE CLEANIN' UP THE TOWN!
IF I HADN'T SEEN THIS, I NEVER WOULD'VE BELIEVED IT!
THERE GOES THE TOUGHEST COWBOY I EVER LAID EYES ON! WHAT A DEPUTY HE'D MAKE!
DEPUTY? WHAT A LAUGH! THAT'S KID COLT, THE FAMOUS OUTLAW!
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YOU HEAR THAT, SHERIFF? KID COLT... THERE'S A REWARD OUT FOR HIM! LET'S GET AFTER HIM!
LET'S NOT! I DON'T WANT TO TANGLE WITH ANYBODY AS TOUGH AS KID COLT... OUTLAW OR NOT!
RECKON YOU HAVE SOMETHIN' THERE, SHERIFF! BESIDES... WELL, I CAN'T HELP THINKIN' A WADDY LIKE HIM IS MORE GOOD THAN BAD!
THE END

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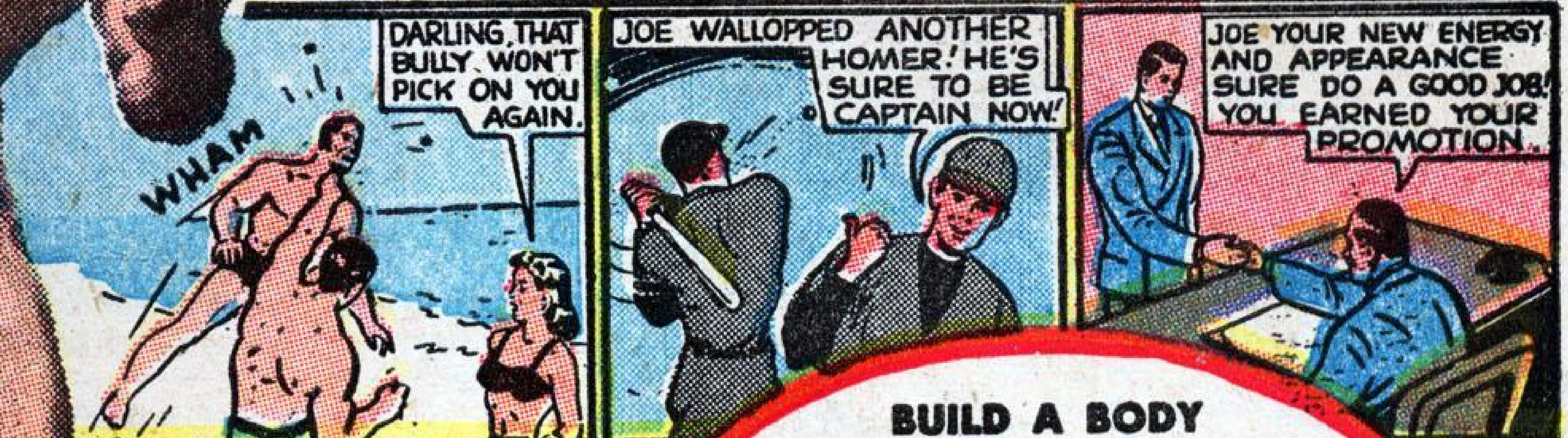
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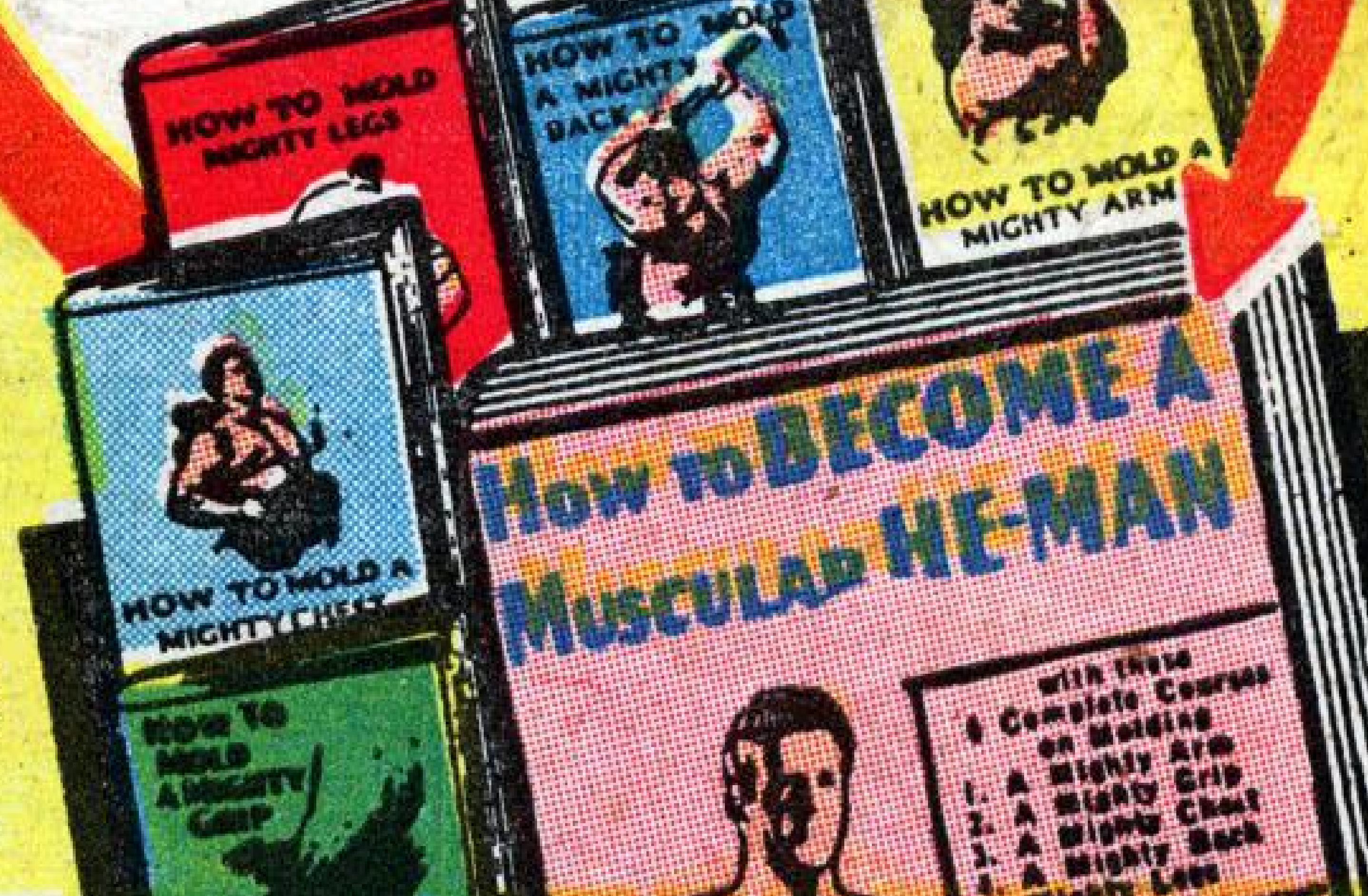
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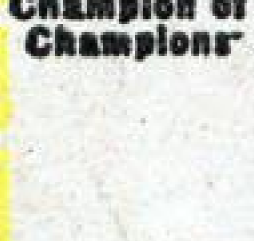

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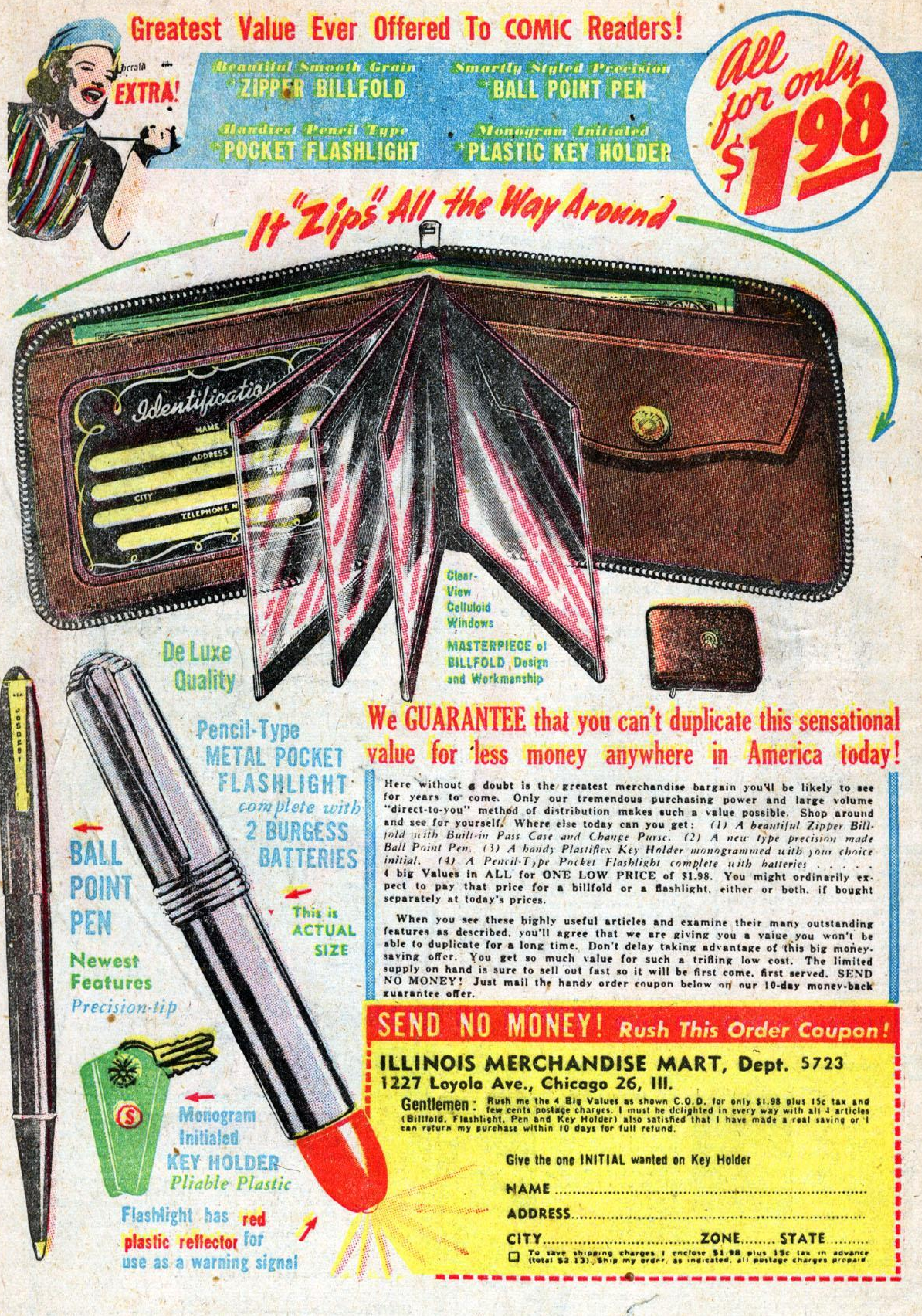

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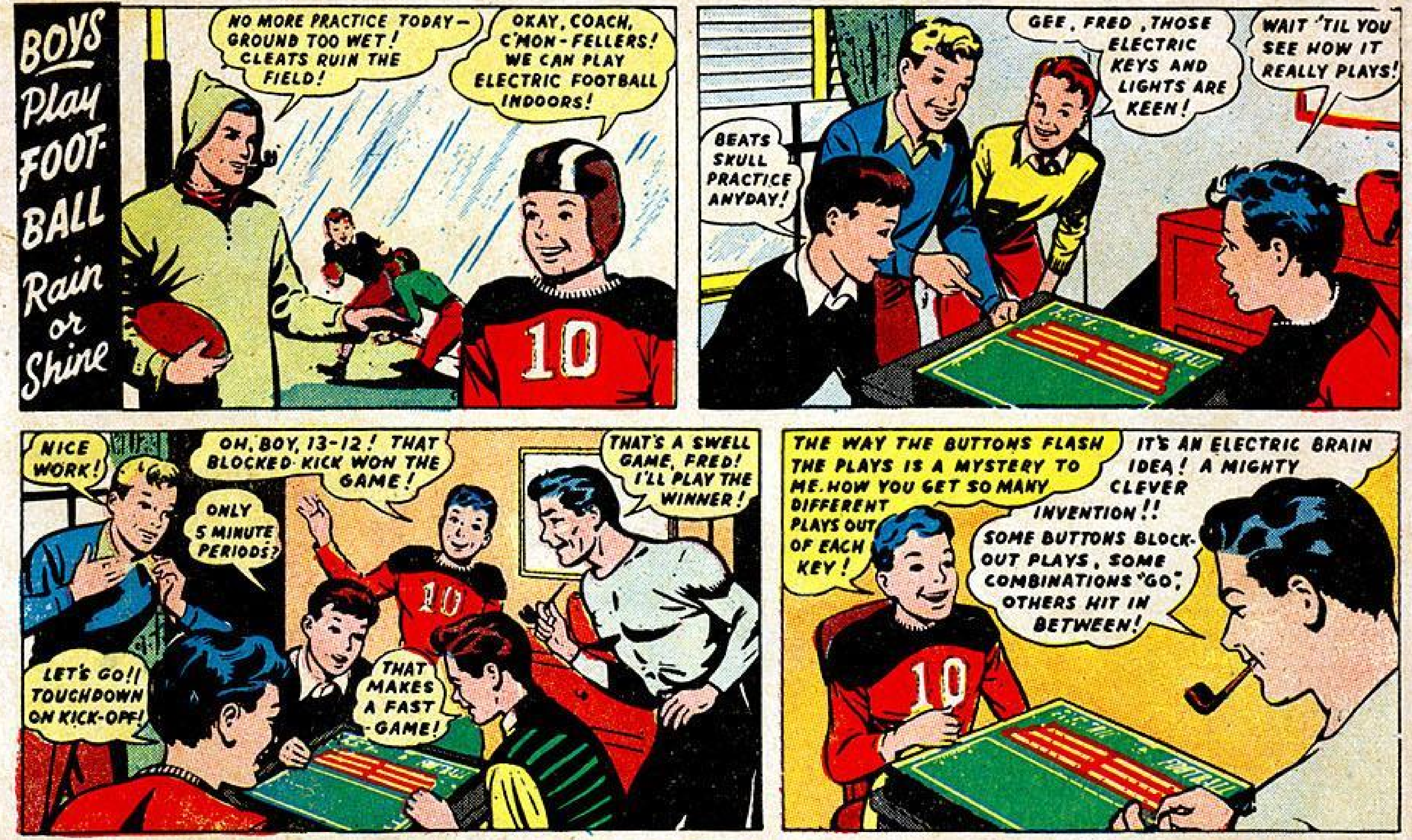
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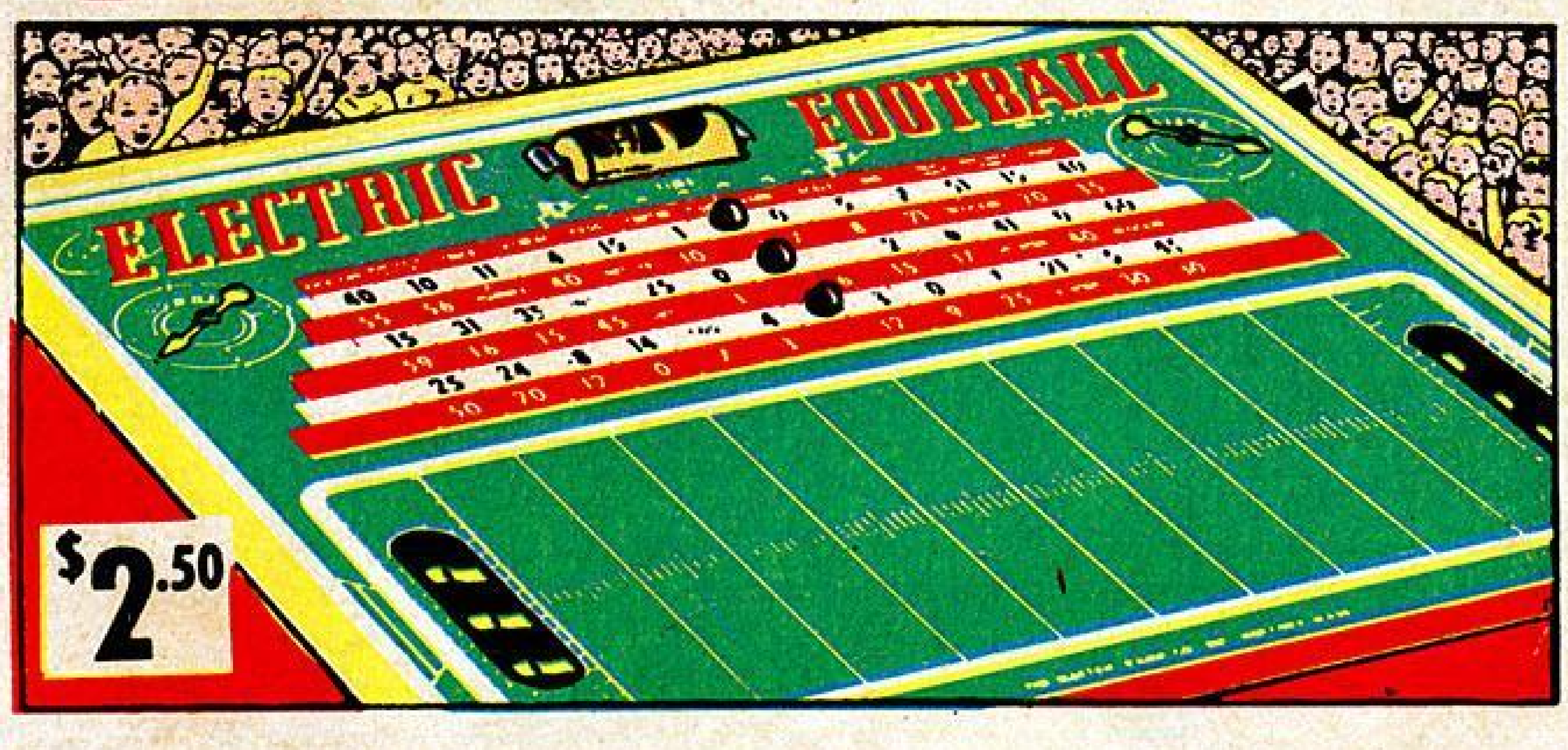
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